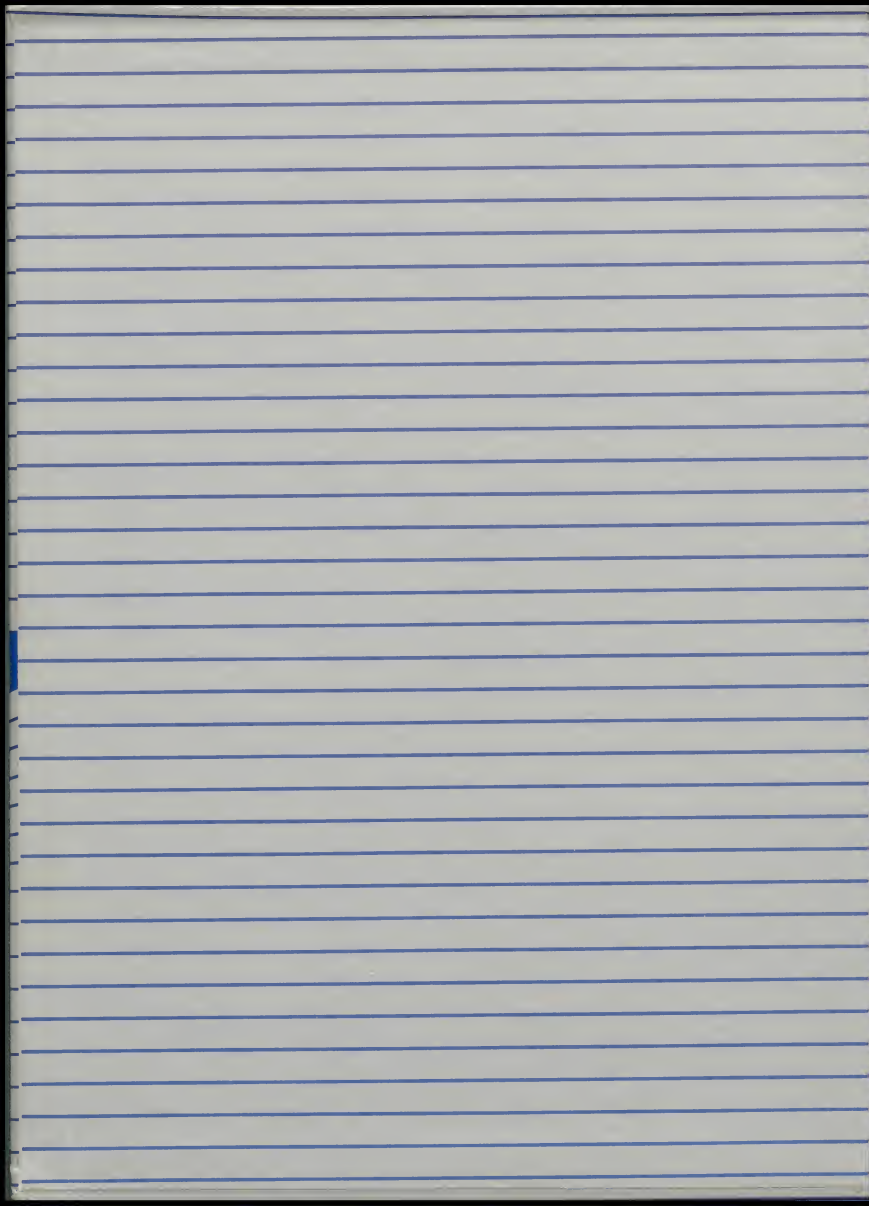


Peek Inside

Portage Pride





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The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The author argues that a one-size-fits-all approach to education is not only ineffective but also disrespectful to the diverse cultures of our world.

In the second part, the author explores the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. One major challenge is the language barrier, which can hinder communication between researchers and participants. Another challenge is the lack of standardized research methods that are applicable across different cultures. The author suggests that researchers should adopt a more flexible and adaptive approach to research, one that takes into account the unique characteristics of each cultural context.

The third part of the paper focuses on the role of the researcher in promoting cultural understanding and respect. The author argues that researchers have a responsibility to not only study culture but also to actively engage with and learn from the communities they are studying. This involves building trust and rapport with participants, which is essential for conducting meaningful research. The author also emphasizes the importance of sharing research findings in a way that is accessible and relevant to the communities being studied.

In conclusion, the author calls for a more holistic and culturally sensitive approach to research. This approach should recognize the value of all cultures and work to bridge the gaps between different cultural groups. By doing so, we can create a more inclusive and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Peek Inside Portage Pride



Full of glitter, glitz and "Moonlight and Roses", from inspired a note of romance in the hearts of many Promgoers. On May 1 senior Chris Haskell spent the special evening with his high school's sweetheart, junior Rosie Jovanovic.



Dressing in drag was popular attire for Airband contestants. Two sophomores evoked some of the strongest emotion from onlookers when they performed Madonna. Many believed these two comedians, Dan Harrell and Bryan George, perfected this idea of cross dressing by adding true-to-Madonna actions to the act.

One of the 101 participants in the SADD/STOP-sponsored Dead Day on April 30, senior Jodi Wahlman silently types in class. Each "deceased" person had to remain unresponsive until 2:35 p.m. from the moment the policemen came to their classroom and pronounced them dead.



Senior track member and MVP award winner, Marisa Krenkel, stretches out before a meet. The girl's track team showed their pride by turning their record completely around from their previous season. Last year they ended with a record of 2-4, this year, 4-2. They also placed second at Sectionals.

Bringing a blast from the seventies, with afros, beads and bellbottoms, to the stage, seniors Dan Brocksmith and Steve Essary perform the song Jimmy Hendrix's, "Foxy Lady" at Airband. The song resurfaced into the popular airwaves after the release of this year's hit movie *Wayne's World*.



Senior Student Council President Ronnie Stanley shows his Portage Pride by driving his truck packed full of enthusiastic senior boys at the Homecoming Parade. The seniors won first place for their float, shaped like a boat, with the theme "Sink the Vikes."

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Inside the Intellect

● "The student body was always behind school activities, going out for sports and participating in faculty activities."

● "I have always felt a part of PHS because people took the time to reach out and make me feel a part of it."



● "We take pride in our school and we want to keep it as strong as it is now. I don't think students feel that way in other schools. Our pride makes us special."

Rich Miotke, 12





P eeking inside

Although almost everyone agrees that PHS is virtually overflowing with pride, there's dissension as to how this pride is displayed best. The variety of commitment makes peeking at Portage Pride a neverending activity. From second place state gymnast sophomore Rebekah Brajcki to 76 honors diploma recipients, pride is always seen; through the students doing homework and athletes practicing with the upmost intensity, students striving to do their school proud were common sights.

Educational pride shone through vibrant Academic competitions and the vast amount of senior awards at Senior Recognition night. Also, with sweat and percerverence, all athletes performed well, with many going to state.



Because the Varitey Show is just for entertainment, the senior participants could cheer on and enjoy the other acts before their finale.

Seniors Gabe Soukup and Dan Uzelac amuse the audience at the Variety Show with their rendition of the song "My Dingaling."

Young Man of the Year was a new scholarship program to recognize senior males. Senior Erik Scheier was the first overall winner for the program.



Inside the Intellect

● "Portage is different than other schools because we have always pushed more on academics rather than on athletics."

● "What I'll miss most about

Portage is being able to play competitively in sports."



● "I have always felt a part of Portage because I have been able to get along so well with other people."

Jeremy Mathis, 12





Portage Pride

Pride could be seen in everyday activities too. Whether through the newly merged SADD/STOP club's sponsoring of Dead Day, where 101 students dressed in black and painted their faces white in a plea to encourage students not to drink and drive on Prom weekend or through the Student Council's many activities, such as the food drive, pride was always shown.

PHS, the place where 2,445 students initially gathered together to learn, but wound up developing a great sense of pride and belonging. Also, it's a place where 472 seniors longed to get out of for four years, then on the last day hugged and cried, afraid to leave.



Enthusiastically, senior drum majors and best friends Josh Jordan and Darren Schmidt rush to their feet to cheer the plays of the varsity football team.

Oops, these two girls just found out that Wabash was an all guys' school at the college mini-fair in the student commons.

Beallerinas are often thought of as slender, petite young women, but some senior guys proved this stereotype wrong at the Variety Show.

peeking at the
inside world

Pride In Activities

By Heather Lorance

The pride inside Portage High School is evident in many areas throughout the school. Students try to take advantage of the numerous extra-curricular activities to help take away from the stress and every day boredom of school.

Student life, one of the most major areas of school,

is a way to meet new people, or to spend time with old friends.

Acting is a predominant area, and many students took advantage of it by participating in the Fall play Welcome to the Monkey House and the Spring musical Mame.

Also, the first ever Outstanding Young Man pro-

gram took place this year. There were various scholarships awarded to seniors for being a "good guy," and for the runner-ups. Senior Eric Scheier was named Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

Students took great pride in all activities they participated in to help make them as successful ever.

Although students remain active, they never forget why they're here. These midterm graduates finally reached their goal on Jan. 26.

High school sweethearts will be remembered forever. Freshmen Scott Gebert and Vanessa Vargas share a moment at the Valentine's Day dance.





At a Glance

Senior Eric Scheier won the first ever Outstanding Young Man of the Year scholarship program on Feb. 1.

Senior Julie Witka won the state Young Woman of the Year competition and competed for the national title during the week of June 14.

Winter Homecoming was expanded to honor spring sports as well as winter, for the first time.



Senior Mark Croell, captain of the football team, gives a speech at the pep rally, before the Fall Homecoming game against Valparaiso. The Indians lost with a score of 21-24.

After a long school year
students head toward the beach for

Summer Fun

by Heather Griffith

Fun, sun and those long days at the beach, that is what summer is all about. However, those fun filled days soon turned into those lazy days that many dread. What is there to do during these few months of freedom?

While most students chose to relax, other chose to work.

Junior Corey Putman said, "I spent my summer working at Well's Street Beach and corn detassling."

Many other students chose to do the same. Working was something many had in common. Not only did working fill those extra days, but it also provided them with some extra money to spend.

Working was not the in the mind of everyone this summer. Playing sports and taking vacations were just a few things people did to pass the time.

Senior Billy Dalton said, "I played sports over the summer. I mostly played soccer and tennis."

Sports seemed to be popular



with a lot of students this summer.

Sophomore Lori Norman said, "I played softball this summer for the Vikings in the Hidden Lake Tournament."

Summer is the time for vacations and getting away from the average, everyday routine.

Senior LaVonda Gottlieb said, "I spent part of my summer in

Washington D.C. for the National Youth Conference."

Memories are made over the summer, from meeting new friends to the crazy things students do. Not all memories are good ones, many are sad, but they are the memories of the summer.

Senior George Walker said, "The most memorable part of

● Raising money for Choraliers, seniors Mike Kalina and Jawad Javed wash a car. This was the first time the Choraliers sponsored a car wash. Over \$300 was made in donations. (Westmoreland Photo)

summer was when I broke up with my girlfriend."

Corey added, "Getting my license was the most memorable part of this summer."

Summer quickly came to a close and the thought of school came to mind. Many dreaded it, but others wanted to come back.

Billy said, "I didn't want school to start because I was enjoying my summer."

LaVonda said, "I was glad school started, because it's my senior year, and I should be excited."

The first days of school were filled with the usual excitement that is typical of returning students. Summer was over and the school bell began to ring once again and another school year had started.



● The Pom Pon squad does a skit about cops and robbers for camp. The squad attends camp every year at Grand Valley, Michigan.

● At the beginning of the school year many organizations sponsor car washes to raise money. Senior Jawad Javed washes a car for Choraliers. (Westmoreland Photo)



● Summer jobs are popular with many students. They help them earn some extra-spending money. Senior Brad Cain lifeguards at Sand Creek Country Club. (Jones photo)



● Standing at attention during the 4th of July parade is senior Laurie Hinkley. The marching band participated in parades and fall camp over the summer. (Westmoreland photo)



● The beach was one of the favorite spots for students over the long summer. Junior Scott Lindsey enjoys a day at the beach playing volleyball with his friends. (Reber photo)

A week of hippies, red and white and costumes, all part of

Homecoming Spirit

by Heather Griffith

A week of close calls is what our homecoming should be remembered for. From the close competition between classes, to the last second loss against the Valparaiso Vikings, it was a week full of excitement.

Spirit week this year had a new edition. The week started with sports day, and continued with costume day, hippie day, class color day, and ended with the traditional red and white day. The Freshmen were the overall winners of spirit week. The new days added a little change from the traditional days, so more students chose to participate. The race to be the winner was close everyday.

Junior Kendra Miller said, "My favorite dress up day was class color day because the freshmen had to wear green."

Senior Laurie Hinkley said, "Hippie day was my favorite day because I didn't have to do my hair."

Kendra said, "My favorite part



● During the pep session the Varsity cheerleaders performed. Junior Staci Cook falls from the mount.

of homecoming was when I got sick, so I didn't have to participate in Halloween day."

During the week, students voted on different contests. A homecoming t-shirt design contest took place a few weeks before homecoming. The designs were voted on and chosen by the student council. Senior Dann Gue won the contest

and his design was seen on hundreds of shirts through out the week.

The homecoming queen candidates were chosen during lunch hours by seniors. The candidates were seniors Debra Fessler, Niki Garavalia, Melanie Johnson, Heather Pike and Heather Smith.

Also during the lunch hours, Debra was chosen queen. She

was crowned queen by her sister, Dina, last year's queen. Also during lunch, students chose senior Tim Mattix as the cutest baby.

Senior John Clausen was chosen by the team to be Mr. Football.

The pep session was full of ear shattering loudness. The freshmen class filled the stands, but failed to overcome the seniors dominating voices. The senior class won the pep session, class hall decorations, and the float competition.

Laurie said, "My favorite part of homecoming was the pep session because the seniors held up newspapers to show the underclassmen that they were going to lose. And of course, they did."

Homecoming 1991 was a success. Neither the rain nor the 21-24 loss to Valparaiso could bring the school's spirits down.



● Many clubs and organizations participated in the homecoming parade. The marching band is led by seniors Josh Jordan, Darren Schmidt and junior Dan Vincent. The drum majors led the band in the playing the school song.

● Seniors won the pep session due to support by many of them, such as Gabriel Soukup and John Gonzalez, who are sitting with the dummy prior to its burning. The junior class came in second, followed by the freshmen and sophomores.



● Senior Jeff Kimbrough helps boost the senior class to a victory during the pep session. Jeff is a lifter for the varsity cheerleaders.

● Varsity football team members, seniors Erik Scheier, John Clausen and Doug Meyne carry the traditional dummy to the fire. John was chosen Mr. Football at the game the following night.



Sophomore Quinton Shorter is expecting the worst as Mr. Ralph Mundt consoles him on the up coming pie in the face. Senior class president Heather Smith laughs as she holds the infamous pie.



● Smack! Heather hits Quinton in the face with the pie. Heather's face shows how much she really enjoyed this.



For 28 actors, the fall play was anything but

Monkey Business

by Cindy Lute

After weeks of practice, the fall play, *Welcome To The Monkey House*, was performed on Nov. 22 and 23 in the East auditorium.

One hundred and forty students tried out and 28 made it, along with two student directors.

The idea of *Welcome To The Monkey House* is a play within a play.

Actually, the play consisted of four smaller plays within the play as a whole. They were "Harrison Bergeron," "Who Am I This Time," "The Euphoria Question," and "The Kid Nobody Could Handle."

Director Mr. William Bodnar said, "There's four short stories dramatized and also unified as a play within a play."

Junior Chris Rogers said,



"We were acting out different plays, while we were still playing our own characters between productions."

In "Harrison Bergeron," Harrison was a genius boy who in the twenty-first century was put in jail for being too intelligent.

In "Who Am I This Time," a girl without a personality joins the community play and meets a guy without a personality.

In "The Euphoria Question," radio waves sent down from space made everyone act strange.

In "The Kid Nobody Could Handle," a boy was taken from home and stuck with an uncle. He didn't have friends and a band teacher urged him to take up trumpet.

Mr. Bodnar, acting and speech

● In her ballerina costume, freshman Jamie Rogers fixes her hair before the full dress rehearsal as junior Tracey Barnard watches on. All the cast members had to wear stage make-up to bring out their features so they were visible to the audience. Some were even turned into old men and women.

teacher, said, "I chose this play because it's a brand new play, it's bizarre and has a large cast. I'm also a fan of Vonnegut."

Students were in it for various reasons. Sophomore Erin Trathen said, "I decided to be in the play because it's a fun way to express yourself and you get to meet new people."

Chris also said, "Ever since elementary school I've been interested in acting. It's just something about being able to be a different person for maybe a night or a week really interests me. I like to make people laugh, and through my acting I am able to do that."



● Serving justice as the Handicapper General in "Harrison Bergeron," Diana Moon Glampers (senior Greta Rondinelli) blows away Harrison Bergeron (junior Chris Rogers) and the ballerina (freshman Jamie Rogers) who had removed all their handicaps and were dancing.

● Under the effects of euphoriphone sensors Tanya Shubal, Dawn Canzano, Josh Jordan and junior Heather Crew look out the window and watch a terrible storm blow down a tree. Red spotlight and a keyboard were used to simulate the sound and effects of the euphoriphone.



● Margie (sophomore Jenni Johns) serves George Helmholtz (junior Brian Smolnicky) and Bert Quinn (junior David Jennings) at Bert's restaurant. David was Jim Doninni's grouchy uncle.



● After taking bows for their performance, Helene Shaw (senior Niki Garavalia) and Harry Nash (senior Darren Schmidt) read from her favorite play, *Romeo and Juliet*.



● Still suffering from the effects of the euphoriaphone, Susan Baker (junior Heather Green) talks with her husband, a sociology professor, Arthur Baker (senior Josh Jordan), as he discovers that everyone felt the effects of the euphoria during the radio broadcast.

The game and flying
cheese summed up

Winter Homecoming

by Heather Griffith

A week of videos and spirit days were all a part of this year's winter homecoming.

Unlike previous years, each winter and spring sport were recognized over the morning announcements with a video of competition and practice. Many felt the extra recognition a change for the better.

Throughout the week students nominated the candidates for queen, king, princess and prince.

Queen candidates were seniors Debra Fessler, Niki Garavalia, Melanie Johnson, Melissa Johnson and Heather Smith. Debra was chosen queen.

King candidates were seniors John Adamski III, James Foster, Brian Gorgei, Chris Haskell, Walter Sandoval and Erik Scheier. Chris was chosen king.

Princess candidates were juniors Laura Alkire, Joanna Hilzley, Erica Martinez, Monica Martinez, Amy Mattix and Shannon



McAllister. Amy was chosen princess.

Prince candidates were juniors Jacob Adames, John Arrendando, Sean Kitchell, Paul Palichuk and Jim Pantell. Paul was chosen prince.

Other activities during the week included spirit week. The week began with college day, then progressed to babushka, summer, da Bulls and ended with the tradi-

tional red and white day. Not many students participated in the spirit days. Students also had the opportunity to buy winter homecoming shirts throughout the week. Senior Dann Gue designed the shirts that many students wore to the game.

Senior Gabriel Soukup said, "Not many people participated because the days weren't well advertised, and besides it was too

● A number of students attended the homecoming game. Spirits during the game were high. Before the game some students threw cheese onto the court to show their dislike for "Cheesetown."

cold for summer day, and a lot of people did not want to freeze, so the days didn't seem to work."

A new twist in winter homecoming came before the start of the game. Some students brought cheese to the game with them and threw it on the court. The cheese was to mock Chesterton, also known as "Cheesetown." This act was not appreciated by the administration.

Some students felt that the spirit of this homecoming wasn't as great as previous years.

Gabriel said, "I'm a lifter and the cheering wasn't as loud as it was at other games. It could be because we were winning by so much."

All in all, the week was full of winners, the athletes.



● After the win over Chesterton, many students chose to celebrate at the dance that was held afterwards. Senior Dan Uzalac gets a lift from junior Ryan Ashby.

● Junior Amy Mattix was crowned homecoming princess by sophomore Quinton Shorter. Amy was crowned during half-time of the game. Junior Joanna Hilzley and the rest of the court looked on.



● The dance after the game was a popular place to go after the victory. Many students took advantage of the dance to have some fun. Sophomore Lisa Manna danced the night away with friends.



● Part of the homecoming festivities included the crowning of the homecoming court and a routine performed by the pom poms. Junior Tara Denk and senior Heather Moore both performed.



● Junior Jim Tinnel and the rest of the varsity and junior varsity team celebrate after the homecoming victory over the Chesterton Trojans, 53-50.

As Christmas drew closer,
so did the fun of

The Snowball

by Heather Griffith

As Christmas vacation drew near, so did the Christmas semi-formal. The Snowball Dance took place on a snowy evening, Dec 20. The dance seemed to be a hit with the majority of the students. Some came to be with friends and others came for a nice evening with their dates.

Sophomore Gina Gesmond said, "My favorite part of the Christmas dance was finally getting to the dance and seeing all my friends dressed up."

Many agreed, friends seemed to be the highlight.

Junior Cindy Burkhart said, "The best part of the dance was being with all my friends."

A number of couples attended the dance, and some chose to eat out before or after the dance. The popular places among students were The Spa and Snaks. No matter where they went, many students found this year's dance to be better than previous year's.



Junior Marilyn Evans said, "We went to Burger King before the dance because we were low on money."

This year's dance seemed to be the favorite for many. Pressure wasn't as great for many, but there were still those pre-dance jitters.

Gina said, "This year's dance was better because I

was more relaxed. Myself and my friends were nervous (last year) because we were freshmen and it was our first major dance."

Marilyn said, "I enjoyed this year's dance because there was less pressure. Last year I was in charge so I couldn't enjoy it as much."

During the evening, couples had the option of getting their

Many couples chose to double with friends. Sophomore Cristi Conrick pins a boutonniere on sophomore Jeff Kennedy. Cristi attended the dance with sophomore Jeremy Mears. Like many other couples they doubled with friends.

pictures taken by photographers. The couples this year were able to choose from three different backgrounds, which is a change from previous years. Many chose to also have group pictures taken later in the evening. The pictures were delivered to the school the first day back from Christmas vacation.

A record number of couples attended the dance. Each couple was given an ornament that had their names on it and they were filled with candy.

Many found the dance to be the perfect beginning to Christmas vacation.

Senior Chris DeVries said, "The dance was fun because we went all out and partied."



Juniors Robin Autry and Steve Calvert took time from the dance to enjoy some time together. There was plenty of time during the night to dance and spend time with friends.

Senior Rosie Sosa and graduate Isaac Pagan attended the dance together. Many students attended the dance with graduates or students from neighboring schools.



● A large number of couples attended the Snowball. Senior Chris Haskell and junior Rosie Jovonovich were one couple among the many that enjoyed the dance.



● Many couples and their friends chose to dance the night away. Juniors Dani Nobles and Jim Pantell took advantage of the night to dance to the variety of music that was offered.



● During the evening, the photographer took group pictures for those who wanted them. Freshmen Beth Kozrowski, Becky Gregorash and Denise Lilly chose to have a group picture taken.



The Nerds and Madonna,
all part of this year's

Air Band

by Heather Griffith

When Friday the 13th rolls around, black cats and superstitions come to mind. This particular Friday was a little different. On March 13, the long awaited Air Band competition took place. Sixteen groups participated.

First place went to the all guy/girl group Mickey's Girls. The "girls," were seniors Chris Haskell, Eric McCorkle, Dave Saviola, Ronnie Stanley and Chad Szabo. The guys performed the song "Mickey," while dressed in cheerleading skirts.

This year was the first time an all girl group won an award. The Nerds, seniors Leanne Shukitis, Kelly Jannash, Kassey Reynolds, Jodi Wahlman, Kim Shuster and juniors Amy Mattix and Tracie Splitgerber were the first, placing second. They performed the "Lambda, Lambda, Lambda," from the movie *Revenge of the Nerds*.

Air Band was a perfect place for this group, senior Luis Olive-



Seniors Josh Fields and Walter Sandoval went all out for their act. They performed "Macho Duck" and placed fourth.

ncia and junior Jose Olivencia who performed "Girl You Know It's True," by Milli Vanilli. They placed third with their lipsynched version of the controversial duo.

Fourth place went to Donald Duck, also known as seniors Mike Tosh, Walter Sandoval, Erik Scheier, Brian Gorgei and Josh Fields. They performed "Macho Duck" with Josh dressed up in a duck outfit, while the rest of the group looked like a flash back to

the *Saturday Night Fever* days.

The lingerie award could be a new category for this particular group. Sophomores Daniel Harrell, Bryan George and Chris David received honorable mention for their rendition of Madonna's "Express Yourself."

The groups at Air Band offered something for everyone, but as usual, certain groups stuck out in student's minds.

Senior Josh Jordan said, "My

favorite group was the one with Stacy Carrillo, Dave Joyce, Mark Robinson and Dan Uzelac. The song was so incredibly out dated and the costumes were great."

The abundance of acts made for some difficult voting. This particular Air Band did not go as smoothly as previous years. When the places were announced the wrong groups were read. This led to great confusion among the audience.

Josh said, "Last year's contest was ran more smoothly, but this year's was more entertaining. At the end of the show there was complete and total anarchy among the entertainers."

Students entered Air Band for many different reasons.

Senior Chris Haskell said, "I joined Air Band to do what I do best, make a total and complete butt of myself."



Senior Luis Olivencia and junior Jose Olivencia performed "Bring the Noise," by Public Enemy for their encore. Because the wrong music was played, they had to perform their encore twice. The second time brought both winners and losers to the stage.

Some students performed in eye catching costumes. Sophomores Daniel Harrell, Bryan George and Chris David performed their version of Madonna's, "Express Yourself." They received honorable mention for their performance.

● Some acts called for the outrageous. Senior Arianda Fernandez and junior Dave Jennings chose to imitate their particular group's look. They performed "World Clique," by Deee-Lite.

● This year brought about a first. Senior Leanne Shukitis, Kelly Jannash, Kassey Reynolds, Jodi Wahlman, Kim Shuster and juniors Amy Mattix and Tracie Splitgerber were the first girl group to place in an Air Band competition.



● For their encore performance, seniors Chris Haskell, Ronnie Stanley, Eric McCorkle, Dave Saviola and Chad Szabo performed "Whip It." They came in first with their version of "Mickey."

From skits to singing,
it was all at the

Variety Show

by Cindy Lute

The twelfth annual Variety Show was held on Saturday, Feb. 22. What was the grand finale? Six guys, otherwise known as senior boys, in tutu's dancing ballet. The Variety show was hosted by Mr. William Bodnar and had 21 acts ranging from singing to skits and from gymnastics to karate.

Tryouts were held to decide who could participate in the actual show.

Students had different reasons for being in the show. Senior Garth Miller said, "I was in the Variety Show because it was fun and I did it last year."

Senior Julie Chitwood said, "I was in the show last year and I love to perform. Mr. Stevens approached me and asked me if I was going to be in the show, so I decided I would.

Senior Jennifer Shelton said, "The Variety Show was the fifth Variety Show I've been in



● The group "8 senior girls," with members Melanie Peda, Niki Garavalia, Heather Smith, Dusty Duffee, Dawn Canzano, Kirsten Sederberg and Heather Moore end their dance routine.

used to it because of Choraliers."

During Jennifer's song some technical difficulty caused the microphone to stop working. Jennifer said, "One thing that is drilled in your mind when you are a performer is 'always keep going no matter what.' I thought to myself, 'sing as loud as you can and hope they hear you.' The second time it happened it caught me off guard and I lost my concentration. All I can say is, these things can happen."

Garth added, "I thought it would be hard but the spotlight made it hard to see people and all the applause made it easier."

Julie added that she would be in the Variety Show again because she loves to perform and that's what she wants to do with her life."

including several at my old school. I make it a point to be on stage no matter what the role or part because I enjoy performing."

Surprisingly, most students said they weren't nervous to get up in front of a large crowd.

Senior Scott Dujmovich said, "I wasn't nervous, I was more worried about everyone else. I

was more scared for James Foster. He's not good at getting up in front of people. Stacy Carrillo was added the day before the show. The original guy couldn't get the accent right." The group did a skit called *Superfans* from Saturday Night Live.

Senior Joella Singleton said, "I wasn't nervous to get up in front of all those people because I'm



● During seniors Jason Alsmen and Garth Miller's drum duet, senior Gabe Soukup, dressed as the Duracell rabbit, walks across the stage beating on a drum.

● Seniors Stacy Carrillo, Ryan Babjak and Scott Dujmovich discuss the Bears. They performed a skit called *Superfans* of Saturday Night Live for the show.



● Junior John Arrandondo and sophomore Shannon Combs sang for the Variety Show. Along with Dan Vincent and Jawad Javed they sang "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday" by Boys II Men.

● Senior Josh Jordan sings a solo called "I Will Be Here" for the Variety Show. Josh also played a lead in both the Fall and Spring plays.



● As the grand finale of the Variety Show, six senior boys danced ballet. Seniors Eric Schier, Brian Gorgei and Jeff Medley show off their gracefulness.

The day began with excitement and ended with

Moonlight & Roses

by Heather Griffith

After months of planning and weeks of excitement, the night finally arrived. The long awaited prom, "Midnight and Roses," took place May 1 at the Porter County Expo Center.

Couples began arriving at around 6 p.m. to get early enough picture appointments. A change from previous years was that the couple's pictures were taken at the Expo Center instead of at the high school. This change was to alleviate early picture appointments.

The evening was filled with eating, dancing, crowning of royalty and the garter ceremony.

The prom court consisted of ten juniors and ten seniors. Princess candidates were juniors Heather Hegedus, Erica Martinez, Shannon McAllister, Tonia Highlands and Shelli Gibson. Shannon was crowned

princess. Prince candidates were juniors John Arredondo, Jay Gutierrez, Paul Palichuk, Sean Kitchel and Mike Chaykowski. Paul was crowned prince.

Queen candidates were seniors Niki Garavalia, Heather Smith, Kassey Reynolds, Julie Witka and Greta Rondinelli. Kassey was crowned queen.

King candidates were seniors David Saviola, Dan Uzelac, James

Foster, Chris Haskell and Brian Gorgei. Dan was crowned king.

After the crowning of the court, the garter ceremony was in the spotlight. Many male students removed their date's garter with their teeth. After the guys removed the garters, they were encouraged to dance around and twirl the garters.

Many students had different favorites from the prom.

● Senior Angie McLean and PHS graduate Curtis Hamilton dance to one of the many songs that were played.

Senior Andredial Cradle said, "My favorite part of prom was the arrival. You got to see people in tuxes and dresses that you usually see in cut offs."

Junior Gerrie Fowble said, "Being with my friends was the best part of prom. You got to see them and have fun."

All the fun came at a cost though, from dresses to tuxes, it all adds up.

Andredial said, "I spent about \$200 on my tux, Great America tickets and prom tickets."

A common event the night of prom is going to Chicago. Due to the rioting in L.A., students were advised not to venture there.

Andredial said, "We had planned on going to Chicago but we decided not to."



● At each table were memory books that couples could keep. The book included a poem to the seniors and the events of the evening. Senior Melanie Thompson and her date look through their book while waiting for dinner.

● Senior Laura Guillen and Mike Diaz are announced as they arrive at prom. Mr. Ralph Mundt announced each couple as they walked through the hall entrance.

● A highlight of the evening for many was the garter ceremony. PHS graduate Steve Johnson prepares to take off senior Toby Perez's garter. Like many, Steve used his teeth to take it off.



● Senior Viren Patel and sophomore Shital Sheth take advantage of the evening to dance. The dance floor was packed throughout the evening, with couples who were enjoying the music.



● Senior Kassey Reynolds shows her surprise when her name was announced as Prom queen. She is congratulated by senior Niki Garavalia, another nominee.

Rest and relaxation are
perfect descriptions for

Spring Break

by Cindy Lute

After seven months of school, Spring Break seems almost essential. Five days of getting up late, without homework or the stress of school, can be a welcome change. Instead of letting the cold weather ruin visions of laying around the beach, most students spent their vacation's somewhere other than Indiana.

Sophomore Jill Gibson said, "I went to France with the school. It was a lot of fun and I met some interesting people."

Junior Mary Hawkins said, "I went to Mexico for vacation. My most memorable moment was when I went to the beach and I saw this guy jump out of the water trying to jump a wave and his swimming trunks fell off and started floating away. I was standing at the edge of the water getting ready to go in and he asked me to hand him a towel. I started joking with him

and told him to get out naked. He took me seriously, got out and told me thanks for nothing. I saw him later and we're pen pals now. He sent me a pair of swim trunks for a souvenir."

Many students did stay home, though. Sophomore Theresa Balboa said, "I went out every night with my friends which was a great experience just to get away from homework and have more

time to do things. The weather wasn't the greatest but we all had fun no matter what we did. I even got together with my old boyfriend and all my friends got to meet him. Spring Break was the greatest, I'm really looking forward to the summer."

Junior Wendy White said, "I slept in and watched soaps. It was really boring, although I wish it was two weeks long."

Many students chose to spend Spring Break in Florida. Seniors Ryan Babjak, Tara Martin, Debra Fessler, Walter Sandoval and Josh Fields pose for a picture on the beach. They went to Clearwater and Daytona Beach.

Sophomore Amie Thacker said, "Spring Break was pretty weird this year. My best friend and I hung out a lot but I spent most of it on the road. I didn't go out of Indiana but it was cool."

Freshman Melissa Chavas, "I was home most of Spring Break because I was sick. After I got better I went and spent the rest of Spring Break with my friends that live in Lake Station. I really wish that Spring Break was longer so I could have more time with my friends."

Junior Christopher Baim said, "During Spring Break I went to gun shows in Lake County."

Sophomore Julie Capallari said, "I spent most of Spring Break with my boyfriend. We basically just went to the movie and hung out with our friends."



Juniors Tracie Splingerber, Carrie Lilly and Melissa Stitts layed out during their vacation, which they spent in Florida.

Senior Trinity Brinzda catches some much needed rest during Spring Break. She spent her vacation in Hilton Head, South Carolina with seniors Tammie Cosich and Amy Stanley.



● Junior Becky Ray, sophomore Jason Trinks and Mrs. Cheryal Clapp, math teacher and chaperone, check out the sights in Mont St. Michael, France. Going to France was yet another place for students to spend their vacation.



● Seniors Amy Gruchalski and Tanya Shubat stand outside The Mirage, a hotel and casino on the strip in Las Vegas, Nevada where they spent their Spring Break.



● Seniors Brenda Gottlieb and Heather Lorange, along with June Spoo, spent their Spring Break in New Orleans and Clearwater Beach, Florida.

As the year ended, seniors
glanced back at their

Senior Memories

by Heather Griffith

The goal that everyone has dreamed about is their senior year. You are the big cheese, the highest on the totem pole. For many seniors, this year has brought about many changes.

Late in the year a first was held, the Outstanding Young Man of the Year contest. This contest is similar to the Outstanding Young Woman of the Year contest. The Outstanding Young Man contest brought out over thirty contestants. The contest was a chance for senior guys to win scholarship money. Along with the title Outstanding Young Man, several other awards were given out. Seniors Ronnie Stanley and Dan Sisco won Good Guy awards. The academic awards were given to seniors Erik Scheier, Joe Guerre and Mark Robbins. For the physical segment of the contest awards were also given. Seniors Josh Fields, Josh Jordan and Darren Schmidt received this award. Seniors Chris DeVries and Stacy Carrillo received awards



for the presentation and address segment. The highlight of the evening came when the finalist and winner of the OYM award were announced. Senior Mike Tosh was fourth finalist, senior Jawad Javed was third finalist, senior Bill Hrdina took second finalist and senior Darren Schmidt was first finalist. The first Outstanding Young Man of the Year was senior Erik Scheier. Throughout the seniors' life at

Portage High School they have seen many changes. From the installation of Channel One to the Outstanding Young Man contest. Seniors will always have memories to look back on. For the first time ever Portage brought home the state title in the Outstanding Young Woman competition. Julie Witka won the state title and competed in the nationals.

Senior year is built on school spirit, pep sessions or anything

● A favorite among many seniors was fall homecoming. The senior class dominated the week. Among the contests was the class float competition. The float committee spent a great deal of their time putting together a great float. The senior float which was a Viking ship, won the class first place. The seniors also dominated the pep session. To intimidate the underclassmen every senior was given a newspaper to hold in front of their faces.

else one chooses to do. This choice could have meant homecomings. The senior class won the pep session, hall decorations and the float competitions during fall homecoming. Unfortunately, homecoming could not be remembered for winning the football game. Fortunately winter homecoming was topped off by a win against Chesterton.

Along with the homecoming victory came the sectional championship.

Senior Chris Haskell said, "The two things I'll miss most are running out through the line of cheerleaders while the school song is being played and my friends that were there to support me."



● During the pep session for fall homecoming the seniors dominated the loudest class contest. Seniors Vanessa Koski, Chad Beatty, Brian Murphy and others were some seniors that yelled their way to victory.

● For many seniors it was their last chance to compete in their favorite sport. Senior Chris Haskell played on the varsity basketball team most of his high school career. Many memories for seniors were made of the basketball court.



● The competition for Outstanding Young Man was tough. The winner, Erik Scheier, is escorted across the stage by seniors Heather Smith and Outstanding Young Woman Julie Witka.



● During the competition, Mr. Joe Stevens choose contestants at random to ask various questions. Senior Dennis Guernsey is asked about his unusual choice of tie and cummerbund.



● Part of the OYM competition included a physical fitness category. The candidates had to perform a routine in their boxer shorts. Senior Ronnie Stanley chose to wear heart boxers for the competition. Ronnie was also given the Good Guy award.

Students boasted rave
reviews for the musical

Mame

by Heather Griffith

After months of grueling practices and late night rehearsals, opening night finally arrived. The production of *Mame* was presented April 24, 25 and 26 in the East auditorium.

This particular musical centered around the life and trials of Mame Beekman, played by Nicole Power. The musical was set in 1928 through 1946.

The musical provided for many main roles for different students. There were twenty-two main roles. The major parts were Mame, played by Nicole and Patrick Dennis, played by Josh Jordan. In the beginning Patrick Dennis was played by elementary student Jimmy Crowley. *Mame* was divided into two acts, for a total of sixteen different scenes.

The musical started in New York in the 1928. Mame



Beekman was a single woman until a relative left her something. This something was Patrick Dennis, a prep school gentleman. They go through several tribulations, from the pregnant secretary to Mame's millionaire husband. Throughout it all the couple sticks together.

The musical seemed to be a hit with all students who at-

tended.

Senior Andredrial Cradle said, "This year's musical was the best I've ever seen. It was an extremely professional show. It looked like something you would see on Broadway."

After long practices week after week, many memorable moments were had by both the actors and the audience.

Senior Brenda Gottlieb said,

Senior Josh Jordan, aka Patrick Dennis, sits in his dorm room at college. Josh was a major character in the production of "Mame." The younger character of Patrick was performed by an elementary student. Josh has played major roles in most musicals. (Westmoreland photo)

"I was in the chorus of *Mame*. The musical was one of my best memories from my senior year."

Brenda was one of the 43 members of the chorus.

Andredrial added, "Carrie Martin, as Vera Charles, stole the show. The character of Vera was a natural for her to play. Also, Bill Hrdina as the butler Ito did a great job. His character was hysterical to watch."

This musical marks the end of many careers on stage. The graduates will have a memorable musical to remember.

Senior Josh Jordan said, "Leaving the PHS stage will be hard, but all the world is a stage and I will look forward to my next entrance."



Seniors Brenda Gottlieb and Tammie Parks rehearse the routine Mame the week of the musical. Brenda and Tammie were both members of the chorus. (Jennings photo)

After the death of Mame's husband, Beaurgard Jackson and Pickett Burnside, her friends, discuss the future. Senior Carrie Martin and junior Chris Rogers discuss the death and the recent stock market crash. (Westmoreland photo)



● The week of the play, senior Carrie Martin and junior Nicole Power practice their lines. Nicole was Mame and Carrie portrayed Vera Charles. (Jennings photo)

● Decorating the Christmas tree are seniors Jennifer Shelton and Bill Hrdina and junior Nicole Power and elementary student Jimmy Crowley. (Westmoreland photo)



● Chorus members, juniors Chris Rogers and Tara Denk and senior Estaban Velez, put their effort into the choreographed routine. (Westmoreland photo)

When put to the test,
high spirits stand

Above The Rest

by Cindy Lute

"Give me a P, give me an O give me a R"—Cheerleaders promote school spirit at games and other events; however, there are other ways to show spirit also.

Senior Jason Fischer said, "I show school spirit by being on the intramural volleyball team."

Eric Wiseman, sophomore said, "I go to all the athletic events and support everything we do."

There are other ways to show spirit besides just going to games.

Sophomore Amy Hilzley said, "I'm a cheerleader and I try to attend more than just games; I don't just go to basketball and football games. I am a track manager and I go to tennis matches, baseball games and some of the activities that are sometimes overlooked."

Junior John Arredondo



said, "I show spirit by participating on class spirit days and trying to attend extra-curricular activities, including all sports."

School spirit is important because it keeps the school morale up and helps the teams do well. It is also more than just going to games. Being on Student Council, in a club, or just being proud of the school are all ways to

show school spirit. The ever popular Spirit Week is another way to support school. There are Spirit Weeks for fall and winter homecoming. Some days this year were Halloween day, babushka day, college shirt day and hippie day.

Freshman Jessica Provins said, "School spirit is important to the success of a school because ev-

● Many students showed spirit by cheering for the football team. Seniors won the screaming contest at the Fall Homecoming pep rally.

eryone needs support."

John added, "School spirit is important to the success of a school because without enthusiasm within the school it can bring activities below par."

Jessica also said she shows spirit by going to all of the games.

Sophomore Jenn Dennis said, "I go to all the basketball and football games to show spirit."

Sophomore Terri Simstad said, "I participated in the activities for homecoming."

Senior Roger Butterfield said spirit is shown throughout the school mainly by sports, but it is also apparent in various academic activities. His favorite way to show spirit is by attending basketball and football games.



● Sophomore Quinton Shorter supports his class by receiving a pie in the face. At the pep rally before Fall Homecoming a screaming contest was held. The president of the winning class got to throw a pie in the face of the president of the losing class.

● Raising their hands in victory, senior Tommy Smith, Phil Zielinski and Bobby Flowers cheer the Indians on at the pep fire which was held following the basketball session the night before Fall Homecoming.



● Every student has his own unique way of showing school spirit. Senior Doug Nelson wore a hat to the pep session rather than the traditional T-shirt.

● Dances were held after many basketball and football games. Sophomore Melissa Rivera shows her spirit by dancing the night away.



● Before Homecoming a parade, pep rally and bonfire took place to help boost the teams' morale. The varsity football team showed their spirit by riding in the parade.

Hairstyles to clothing,
students make a

Fashion Statement

by Heather Griffith and
Cindy Lute

The latest fashions can be seen around Portage High School, from the cover of Vogue to the unique style of an individual. Not all styles are unique, one may be an outfit that reflects personal style, but also reflects a hundred other's style. It's all part of the fashion scene.

Fashion ranges from clothes to hairstyles. A hairstyle can reflect a person's personality just as clothes can.

Sophomore Kelly Snitchler said, "If two people have the same hairstyle, you can tell they are trying to be like each other instead of their own person. I do my hair wild because I'm a wild person."

Today's hairstyles come in a wide variety of styles.

Jamie Vukovich, sophomore, said, "The most popular style for guys is long in



back and short on top."

Sophomore Jamie Soloman said, "For girls, long hair is most popular."

Senior Dann Gue said, "I feel today's fashions are loose fitting clothes or just stuff that's comfortable."

The evidence of comfortable clothes can be seen all around school, from college and professional sport

team shirts and sweatshirts, to the ever popular Umbro soccer shorts.

Senior Laurie Hinkley said, "Sheer sleeved shirts, polka dots, and B.U.M. equipment are really popular now."

Fashion for many is very important. It gives people a sense of belonging.

Dann said, "Of course fashion

● Juniors Amanda Mazur and Eric Nance are both wearing jeans, which seem the most popular fashion around (Westmoreland photo)

is important. People who don't know who you really are judge you by your appearance. It's sad, but oh so true."

There are many controversial views of fashion. Some feel that it is an essential part in belonging, where as others dress as they choose because they want to be individuals and different from the common student. Every person has their own tastes in fashion.

Senior Cindy Valenti said, "Style means virtually nothing to me because I don't particularly like the things that are 'in style.' I wear what I like and not what is necessarily considered cool. Style does tend to reflect your personality, though, but it shouldn't be used as a regulator of your opinion of someone."



● Senior Jim Dres shows off a style all his own. Jim often sported CD's around his neck. (Reber photo)

● While painting, sophomore Mike Chabes wears a baji. Many students call it called the baji potato sack. (Pride photo)



● Senior Jeremy Jovanovic wears a baseball hat during lunch. Many students wore starter hats with their favorite teams on them. (Reber photo)

● Junior Jason O'Neal is in fashion by wearing a baggy oversized sweatshirt and having the most popular hairstyle. (Jones photo)



● Short hair was popular for many students. Junior Michelle Thomas chose this style, while juniors Mike Sills and Rick Slack display the popular short on top and long in back cut. Senior Tomi Fleck displays the common style for girls, long and straight. (Jones photo)

Seniors take the spotlight
in their final appearance,

Graduation

by Heather Griffith

The evening of June 7 brought the senior's voyage to an end. Because of early morning showers, many wondered throughout the day if graduation would hold the new tradition of outdoor graduation, but the rain let up and the tradition continued.

Throughout the commencement there were several speakers. Senior Julie Witka, who was the valedictorian, gave the class a message that brought the feelings of future success. Salutatorian Sean Holland reflected on the past four years with his classmates and showed the wide diversity among them. Later, senior class president Heather Smith presented PHS with the senior gift. The gift was a pair of wooden podiums with "The class of



'92" and the class officers carved on the front.

After the diplomas were distributed, the new graduates had to decide what their life would hold. Many were leaving for college, whereas others were starting jobs.

Senior Peggy Griffith said, "This was my second graduation this week. Earlier in the

week I graduated from dental school, but this graduation is the big one."

No matter what the future holds for the seniors, after graduation they were all looking forward to open houses and parties.

Senior Josh Jordan said, "By 4 p.m. I had already been to six open houses."

● Intently, senior Dan Brocksmith looks on as senior salutatorian Sean Holland delivers his speech during graduation. Sean as well as senior Julie Witka and Heather Smith presented speeches during the ceremony.

Many open houses were held on the same day so graduates were jumping from one open house to the other.

Senior Garth Miller said, "I do not know how I'm going to be able to make all the parties, but I'm sure going to try."

Open houses may be the last time graduates see friends.

Josh said, "Garth and I have an advantage, we are going to spend the next five years together at Purdue."

Whatever the future holds for the class of '92, as Julie said, "we will all be back at our ten year reunion to see what everyone has accomplished."



● The senior class enters their seats during the outdoor ceremony. This year was the third year the ceremony has been outside. Members of the junior class lead seniors to their rows.

● Receiving their actual diplomas from Mr. Tom Sanidas, seniors Donna Mitchell, Shannon McGriffin, Julie Mills and Christine Minick feel their relief of knowing their inserts weren't withheld.



● Senior Amy Bell receives her long awaited diploma from Dr. Donald Bivens, superintendent. Amy received an honors diploma which involves maintaining a 3.0 GPA, completing 47 credits and taking selected credits.



● Valedictorian Julie Witka addresses the class in her final appearance at PHS. Julie and salutatorian Sean Holland both gave special messages to the senior class.



● As the senior class put their tassels to the left side of their caps, they completed their last act together. About 500 seniors graduated with over 75 receiving honors diplomas. Honor students also had their photo placed on the Hall of Fame.

The leaks in the West roof turned the building into an

Instant Sprinkler

by Crisly Snellgrove

In the immortal words of Chicken Little, "The sky is falling!"

At approximately 7:15 a.m. on a cold rainy Wednesday, Nov. 27, the school buses of PHS were filled with students, students who expected to be brought to their familiar daily routine.

Much to the student's surprise, as they entered the building, they were immediately rushed into the gymnasium. On their way into the gym some of the students caught a glimpse of the main office furniture draped with plastic or the sight of ceiling tiles scattered on the floor.

As Mr. Forrest Rhode, principal, explained on the announcements that same day, "This is a very serious water problem that has happened almost overnight."

Almost the entire West building was filled with two things, water and chaos. Administrators and maintenance personnel were running around trying to decide what to do first.

At 9 a.m. it was decided that the building was in too poor of a condition to conduct classes and the freshman class was sent home.

Mr. Pete Michaels of the maintenance department said, "We're going



to have to rip the torn pieces of the roof off and have roffers come in and rebuild it as soon as possible."

Ms. Suzanne McPherson, French teacher at West, was so astounded by the incident that when asked how she felt about the whole situation she replied, "I'm not even going to say anything."

Although the major problems with the roof didn't start until Nov. 26, there were several leaks in the roof during the spring of last year. Sophomore Tuan Nguyen remem-

bered, "Last year there were so many water buckets sitting around the school catching water that it was like an obstacle course."

Repairing the roof and paying for the damage that has been done was very expensive. The administration was planning on rebuilding the West roof anyway. The estimated cost for the roof was over \$50,000. The school system is going to use the money from the \$8 million bond that was given to the Portage Township Schools recently to repair the roof.

● The freshmen were all taken to the gymnasium while they were waiting for a decision about being released early. The freshmen were later sent home for the day. (Jones Photo)

Mr. John Havel, director of transportation and facilitation said, "The substance on the roof is called Trocal and the wind shattered the Trocal."

As Ms. Ruth Parks and Mr. Mike Lipinski, physical education teachers, were trying to save the weight room, Parks said, "This is an adventure." Lipinski added, "This is just a test."

A lot of students were upset that the freshman got to go home. Junior Eric Swaney said, "I think if the freshman get to go home we should all get to go home."

Some classes had to be moved around for the next couple of weeks. This event brought PHS East and West into an uproar for a few days until everyone adjusted. Only two hours after school began, Rhode's famous line, "Have a good day you deserve it," was followed by the words, "God knows I do."



● The damage to the roof was extensive. Not many were able to see the damage that was caused by the wind and the rain. (Crosslin Photo)

● The ceiling tiles were ruined due to the water; and much debris was strewn throughout the building. Some damage was so extensive that a bulldozer was brought in to remove it. (Jones Photo)



● Many teachers tried to save the equipment from water damage. Ms. Phyllis McVicker and Mr. Gil Hamilton try to save the weight equipment from ruin. (Crosslin Photo)

● The Freshmen were not allowed to return to the halls during the day. Freshman Briana Dixon returns to her locker to grab some of her belongings. (Jones Photo)



● The halls of West looked like a battle field as custodians tried to clean up. When the students returned the following Monday the ceiling tiles were still missing but the building was relatively back to normal. (Crosslin Photo)

Peeking at our involvement

Showing our Pride

by Sheri Conrick

Peeking inside our clubs and organizations people will see how proud Portage students are to show off their school.

Each clubs' members work long hours and put in hard work because of their pride for their club. Whether through competitions, spirit or just plain hard work, each

club shows pride in unique ways.

Many clubs participated in school activities, such as the club mini-fair and Homecoming Hall Decorations.

Others participated in the community to show their pride off to others. The COIL class and Student Council worked together to pay for a bullet-proof vest for the po-

lice department. The National Honor Society (NHS) did the Blood Drive and a game resembling Trivial Pursuit to help raise money to help cancer patients at St. Jude's hospital. NHS also helped to show their pride by inviting Valparaiso High School to our school for an exchange day to show off PHS student body's pride.

Clubs sponsor dances to raise money. Senior Tammie Cosich practices the swim at a dance sponsored by the Student Council.

Strutting their stuff for the fans at the Homecoming parade, Marching Band members display their pride.



At a Glance

The theme for this year's Lock-In, sponsored by the Student Council, was Olympic Rockin' Lock-In.

The French Travelers departed for France for their Spring Break trip on March 19 at 11:30 a.m.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of Quill and Scroll, which is the National Journalistic Honor Society.



A way to earn money for a groups' activities is to have a car wash. Sophomore Bob Kirk participates in the Choraliers' car wash.



The Student Court Upholds the Law

by Crystal R. Torres

Although many PHS students are aware of Student Council, not all are aware of Student Court.

Junior Wesley Minton said, "Student Court is necessary to uphold the (Student Council) Constitution and when someone makes a mistake we correct it immediately. We go strictly by the Constitution and interpret it to make sure that justice is maintained."

In order to get involved in the Court a student has to be appointed by the Council president and then must be elected by the other members. If a student was

holding a council office when elected to the Court, he must resign his position in order to accept the court post.

Throughout the year, students from the Council were subpoenaed by the Court because of their decreased accumulative GPA or their attendance.

Junior Kim Bono said, "I was subpoenaed because I missed three consecutive meetings. I feel that this was fair because in the Constitution it clearly states that if you miss three meetings then you will be subpoenaed. I missed three meetings, therefore, I lost my voting privileges."

Other students have been subpoenaed to court for having a lower accumulative GPA than allowed.

Sophomore President Quinton Shorter said, "I was subpoenaed to court because my accumulative GPA was lower than 2.0. I didn't feel that this was very fair because I was not warned during my freshman year about maintaining a certain GPA. I was warned this year, but not in enough time to raise my GPA. I was found guilty during court. Therefore, I was impeached and I am not able to run for office again until my senior year."

Many students feel that a court is necessary. Quinton and sophomore Evette Sanchez agreed that Court is a good idea because if the Council doesn't know what they're doing or if they're going against the rules then Student

Court has a trial to rectify the problems.

During this year's elections there was a problem with invalid ballots. According to Wes, ballots were destroyed. As a result of the destroyed ballots, Wes feels that freshmen weren't given equal representation.

Not only were ballots destroyed, but they were also kept from the Council. Juniors Tracy Brown and Jackie Hazzard disclosed that they found about 20 ballots in one of the garbage cans in the Commons.

Friday, March 18, the Court decided to have a re-election, but then on April 3, after long talks with the administrators, Principal Forrest Rhode went public with the news that there would not be a re-election. Senior Dave Saviola said, "I support this decision all the way."

Dave Saviola, senior and Vice-President of the Council, dives into the Council breakfast given for Thanksgiving. (Westmoreland photo)

Senior Ronnie Stanley, Student Council President, leads a March 6 Council meeting while Gabe Soukup, senior, watches intently. (Jones photo)



Danielle Robertson, sophomore, and juniors Joe Arredondo and Heather Hegedus discuss the controversy of elections at a Court meeting. The Court wanted to hold elections again because ballots were discarded. Principal Forrest Rhode overruled this decision and the Court appealed to the School Board. (Jones photo)



Student Council Officers-Front Row: Greta Rondinelli, Ronnie Stanley, Dave Saviola, Trinity Brindza. Row 2: Mr. Ron Hancock, Julie Rhody, Heather Smith, Niki Garavalia. Row 3: Lisa Manna, Danie Nobles, Gretchen Westerkamp, John Arredondo. Row 4: Dawn Fessler, Mike Jaso, Eddie Escalante.



Student Council-Front Row: Dana Floyd, Jill Hudson, Kim Pieper, Amy Silverthorn, Dusti Duffee, Kelly McCorkle, Megan Kelly, Heather Westerkamp. Row 2: Jaime Rogers, Wendie Cadle, Rebecca Hess, Jennifer Fonner, Nedine Cunningham, Dana Wellman, Vickie Fisher, Gina Gesmond, Jeff Kimbrough. Row 3: Monica Martinez, Evette Sanchez, Lee Ann Towery, Kara Kitchell, Heather Baugh, Kathy Carrasco, Erica Martinez, Sandy Aleman, Sarah Mitchell. Row 4: Kristi Terwilliger, Tammy Modesto, Katie Belcher, Lesley Cash, Rachel Mahns, Leslie Crockett, Lana McCorkle, Jennifer Babjak, Kellie Poe. Row 5: Adrienne Samarzidja, Ro Guerrero, Jawad Javed, Kubla Scheier, Bill Hrdina, Freddie Castro, Quinton Shorter, Marisa Krenkel, Heather Hegedus, Shital Sheth. Row 6: Chris Rogers, Darren Schmidt, Arlis Johnson, Erik Taylor, Jeff Miller, Josh Jordon.



Student Court-Front Row: Nedine Cunningham, Dusti Duffee, Heather Baugh, Gina Gesmond, Kirsten Sederberg. Row 2: Mr. James Douglas, Katie Belcher, Bill Hrdina, Wes Minton, Erich Squire.



Practice Proves a Stereotype Wrong

by Tanya Castellanos

It has been heard over and over again, "We're not dumb and dizzy!" In the eyes of many that statement is still taken seriously.

Freshman Tim Golec said, "Their over-excitement makes them seem like a bunch of air-heads."

It's true, Cheerleader and Pom members have a lot of fun out on the floor, but there's more to promoting school spirit than having fun according to the members.

"It takes a good sense of humor to go on after making a mistake and dedication to improve," sophomore Junior Varsity Cheer-

leader Danie Nobles said.

"First you have to have a good disposition and attitude; how you act reflects on you. We're here to make people happy," freshman Cheerleader Carrie Taylor stated.

Usual practices were anywhere from an hour to an hour and a half. They practiced crowd pleasing routines, while their coaches were there to tell them what looked good and what did not.

"We have cheers like 'Give Me a P' and that gets the crowd going," JV Cheerleader sophomore Tanya Kirchner said.

Another crowd pleasing and team supporting group are the

Pom Pons, always prepared to raise school spirit with their poms in hand. The Poms put a lot of hard work into their job of cheering on the team even if the team isn't doing its best. Many students may have seen them practicing for long periods of time in the Student Commons almost every day after school.

Poms and Cheerleaders had to try out every year in order to join in the fun of participating in the basketball games, pep sessions and leading the school song.

"There was a lot of frustration during try outs because we all had the pressure of learning routines in four days," Varsity Cheerleader Laura Alkire, junior, said.

One of the biggest misconceptions of Cheerleading and Pom Pons has been heard being discussed over and over again. "Many people think that what we

do is not a sport; that we don't have to practice. We put a lot of effort into our routines," Laura added.

Imagine a game for a moment. Everyone sitting there on the bleacher, ready for a great game, cheering the crowd on while they are winning, but occasionally the team does not do as well, and of course people who have been to games all know how it goes. Who's cheering now?

Many may agree that sometimes it takes a little more to motivate the crowd, especially if the game is not exactly in PHS's favor.

"I think it's important that the players have the Cheerleaders there for them because many times the crowd loses hope and that could have a negative effect on the team," sophomore Tammie Shannon said.

The Cheerleaders relax after a hard time of cheering for the team at the Sectionals. Portage won the Sectionals but lost Regionals.

JV Cheerleader Jennie McDougal, sophomore, keeps herself warm during a cold football game. Cheerleaders wore skirts in the coldest weather.



Lifters-Front Row: Tom Puskac, Jeff Kimbrough, Ro Guerrero. **Row 2:** Bill Wilson, Todd Belsha, Greg Thompson, Garth Miller, Gabe Soukup.



Varsity Cheerleaders-Front Row: Dawn Canzano, JoAnna Hitzley. **Row 2:** Jennifer Gilbert, Stacie Cook, Melanie Peda. **Row 3:** Laura Alkire, Julie Rhody, Heather Smith, Nikki Cravalia, Holly Hostettler.



JV Cheerleaders-Front Row: Jennie McDougal, Satin Heroux, Candy Modesto. **Row 2:** Tanya Kirchner, Leslie Crockett, Lana McCorkle, Danny Nobles.



Pom Pons-Front Row: Debbi Beddome, Tammy Modesto, Dusti Duffee, Heather Moore, Erika Martinez. **Row 2:** Trisha Springer, Amy Stanley, Rosie Sosa, Tara Denk, Tammy Lehman, Monica Martinez. **Row 3:** Misty Curtis, Mary Nobles, Patience Shultz, Celena Origel, Seann Dailey.



Freshman Cheerleaders-Front Row: Emily Frechette, Carrie Taylor, Trina Schaffer. **Row 2:** Laura Weeks, Jill Hudson. **Row 3:** Anne Crockett, Tonia Jarvis, Brandy Graham, Teresa Wikins, Amy Silverthorn. (Photo courtesy of Mid-States)



Working for Prestige in Honor Societies

by Cindy Lute

Students in an honor society had to work hard to get inducted in one of the three honor societies. High G.P.A.'s and excelling in leadership, journalism or a foreign language were all factors that made students candidates for an honor society. To be inducted into NHS a junior or senior needed a 3.5 G.P.A. and a recommendation from all their teachers. Then they had to write an outline about leadership and all they've accomplished.

Some of the NHS activities included recycling books, selling

doughnuts, a Bulls ticket raffle, a riverboat trip, a Valparaíso student exchange program where NHS members got to see what it would be like to be a student at Valparaíso High School, teacher exchange day where students could be the teacher of their choice, and the selling of sweatshirts.

Senior Pam Moise said, "My favorite activity was the riverboat trip to Chicago because we were with the honor society members the whole time and we really got to know each other."

Junior Kurt Gilmoresaid, "My favorite activity this year was

the Valpo student exchange because it showed me that I'm a lot more fortunate going to Portage than Valpo. I didn't like Valpo because they only had two or three honor's classes and they had dumb rules. Students there can't wear jackets because of gang status."

Junior Brenda Likavec said, "Student exchange day was my favorite because it showed me what a teacher's day was really like."

Quill and Scroll, the journalism honor society, picked students with at least a 2.6 G.P.A. and were involved in the publications. Students also had to have a positive attitude and put forth a lot of effort in journalism. At the banquet, which was April 28 in the South Cafeteria, new staff positions were announced and awards

and scholarships for journalism were handed out.

Sophomore Valerie Kowal said, "I'm glad I'm in Quill and Scroll because it looks good on college applications. I am also happy I was initiated because it's nice to belong in another club at school."

To be inducted into the Foreign Language Honor Society students had to receive straight A's for at least four semesters in Foreign Language. Twenty new members were inducted this year, in addition to the 18 original members at the induction ceremony on April 21.

Junior Rebecca Hess said, "I think the Foreign Language Honor Society is a prestigious organization because of the requirements that need to be met to be inducted."

Mr. Rhode, juniors Jennifer Parker and Erica Smith, Mrs. Debra Heitmann and senior Kristi Rea view the yearbook cover at the annual Q&S banquet.

Spanish foreign exchange student, Ricardo Adan, junior, speaks at the FLHS banquet. FLHS included members from all languages. (Pride photo)



Senior Julie Witka talks with a Valparaiso student, Gina Messuda, senior, when Valpo NHS students visited Portage Nov. 15. This was the first time this was tried and many students involved said that it was a success. Portage later visited Valparaiso High School March 17. (Pride photo)



Foreign Language Honor Society-Front Row: Trisha Springer, Pedro Claudio, Sean Fingerhoo, Dawn Tutko, Sheila Lynch. Row 2: Carla Teso, Jennifer Kelly, Angela Markos, Beth Shurman, Shital Sheth, Dan Weeks. Row 3: Jennifer Fisher, Rachel Mahns, David Robertson, David Henderson, Kurt Gilmore, Danielle Robertson.



Quill & Scroll-Front Row: Val Kowal, Kristi Rea, Sheila Lynch, Sheri Conrick. Row 2: Vicky Machin, Kim Crosslin, Linda Tuncay, Janice Westmoreland, Jenny Parker. Row 3: Dave Jennings, Jeff Miller, Todd Summar, Jennifer Smith.



National Honor Society-Front Row: Melissa Lemond, Erik Scheier, Amy Bell, Teisha Chavez, Amy Gregorash, Cindy Valenti. Row 2: Brenda Likavec, Carrie Martin, Heather Smith, Kim Shuster, Mike Tosh, Jay Walker. Row 3: Betsy Blaha, Andedriel Cradle, Aaron Akins, Jeff Miller, Eric McCormick, Kurt Gilmore, Rachel Mahns, Jawad Javed.

Twirling her flag with pride, Amie Conrick, junior, marches during half-time at the homecoming game. Amie was the captain of the Indianettes this year.

Marching with pride, the Marching Band show their stuff at the Oct. 10 homecoming parade. The Marching Band also showed their pride at a contest at Jefferson High School Sept. 12 placing fifth with 62.5 points.



Senior Melanie Marsden holds her piccolo while the Marching Band was at rest in the homecoming parade. (Westmoreland photo)

Crowded on the bleachers at a game the Indianettes and Marching Band play their best for the team. (Westmoreland photo)



Indianettes/Marching Band—Front Row (kneeling): Brandon Miller, Tamara Smith-Bokzar, Gina Gesmond, Jenna Mitchell, Mark Robbins, Dan Vincent, Josh Jordan, Darren Schmidt. Row 2 (standing): Vicki Perez, Tara Shenefield, Nate Burgess, Melissa Heck, Kar Kasznak, Mike Hall, Elizabeth Gaines, Carrie Mitchell, Geoff Williams, Jason Alaman, Grisel Villanueva, Garth Miller, Lisa Clark, Katie Beckham, Lath Anderson, Jason Nichte, Kendra Miller, Stephanie Gonzalez, Heather Gaines, Brana Dixon, Tenha Chavez. Row 3: Heather Malazada, Stephanie Buzek, Sandy Samardja, Michelle Baker, Stacy Fields, Cassie Rehart, Megan Smith, Beth Shuman, Laurie Hinkley, Heather Griffith, Christy Neyhart, Julie Cable, Jon Francisco, Stephanie Griffith, Vicki Carr, Pam Mose, Tina Ragle, Cindy Valenti, Melanie Marsden, Rob Farnish, Mary Ellen Passarelli, Chanté Marsh, Tessa Black, Jenny Lesko, Tammy Szymanski, Elizabeth Pierce, Jen Neely. Row 4: Kim Waters, Jamie Joseph, Jeanette Chaddock, Rachael Glancy, Jill Durham, Missy Chavas, Michelle Easton, Nicole Goeschel, Lana Smith, Chandra Hasse, Rob Boyle, Michelle Hoover, Wendy Schaffer, Jenny Pardubis, Michelle Cam, Heather Reno, Jody Aukalnis, Jenny Vob, Jason Oness, Cindy Miller, Michelle Bugarni, Julie Applhagen, Crystal Henderson, David Brooks, Christy Menendez, Amanda Gibson, Amie Conrick, Karina Galero. Row 5: Amy Oettinger, Joanna Lonsavner, Holly Foreman, Ginny Foster, Heath Hitchcock, Paul Tangart, Jason Renner, Amy Ott, Jim Meyer, Dana Wohlman, David Kelllogg, Eddie Escalante, Angie Lewandowski, Kurt Gilmore, Michelle Curtis, Jenny Johns, Scott Baker, Dan Gae, Melissa Bunk, Mike Upinski, Jim Campbell, Teresa Gungirich, Jennifer Blaskowicz, Rachael Hutman. Row 6: Stacy Terry, Kendall Hitchcock, Dan Harrell, Alex Puckett, Brian Fugate, Brian Chadwick, Chris Kosovich, Bridget Nelson, Bob Miley, Bill Kehoe, Dave Henderson, Bryan George, James Patek, Christine Byers.



Students' Spirit Not Appreciated

by Crystal Torres

"Go Portage High School, fight on for our fame . . .!" This song is one that is known and held in esteem by all that attend PHS. It was heard all over the football field and throughout the bleachers on a typical Friday night football game.

As a member of Marching Band, the students practiced the school song until it was memorized. They may have been seen in the parking lot and marching around the building after school. The Marching Band practiced twice a week, in addition to the 55 minute class they attended every day. Even though this may seem

like a small amount of time, the after school practices lasted for two hours. The Indianettes practiced every day in class in addition to the practices they had after school alone and with the Marching Band.

Junior clarinet player Nicole Goetschel said, "We went to competition and did fairly well, but we could've done better if practices were quieter."

Although the Marching Band and Indianettes were big parts of the Friday night football games, they felt they did not receive enough gratitude for all their hard work from the students and faculty during the marching season.

Sophomore and tenor saxophone player Heather Reno said, "I think that we are an asset to the games because we help pump up the team and crowd. We work together like a family."

Sophomore trumpet player Dana Wellman said "I don't think we get enough recognition from the school. This upsets me because if it wasn't for the Marching Band, there would be no one to play the school song and motivate the crowd and team at games. I think that we are just as important to the spirit of the school as other organizations, or at least we should be."

Other students may have been seen getting up from their seat on the bleachers during halftime to go to the ever popular and overcrowded concession stand or to use the restroom. The lines for the restroom were always long and time consuming. Therefore,

by the time people arrived back at their seats, halftime was over.

Senior drum major, Josh Jordan, said, "It doesn't bother me when people get up and leave during our performance because some people do watch and others have to leave for various reasons."

Students in Marching Band and Indianettes expressed different views on the subject. Dana said, "It is very insulting when people get up and leave during our performance, because we don't get up and leave when the football players are playing."

Josh said, "Some of the ways the Marching Band and Indianettes exemplified pride was by attending the games. We were always ready to go on a moments notice."

Sophomore Indianette Vickie Perez said, "People should find out what the Marching Band is all about."



Lab Band 1—Front Row: Rachel Glancy, Dana Franklin, Richard Farnish, Carrie Hunt, Theresa Gibson, Cassie Richart, Erica Lund, Ken Livergood, Brian Fugate, Heather Gaines, Jill Durham. **Row 2:** Jeannette Chaddock, Michelle Bugarin, Stephanie Griffith, Becky Foust, Jeanna Manna, Rob Boyle, Ken Heath, Kevin Courtney, Troy Gnat, Russell Simola. **Row 3:** Kristy McCaw, Stephanie Gonzalez, Stephanie Bruzek, Melissa Heck, Tara Shenefield, Susie Parrott, Elizabeth Scott, Laura Demmon, Brad Skafish, Justin Smith, Briana Dixon, Crystal Henderson. **Row 4:** Jenny Wilson, David Nelson, Scott Baker, Brian Essary, Bob Miley, Jeremy Cannon, Amanda Chesson, Arie Ott, Justen Illyes, Natalie Bellar, Dusty Caudill, Joe Urban. **Row 5:** Rob Lukose, Katie Hatala, Nicole Laird, Eric Hart, Suzanne Culig, Brandy Johnston, Kari Urksa, Ramonita Rodriguez, Eddie Escalante, Katie Beckham, Heather Waugh, Cory McCammon, Vicki Carr. **Row 6:** Melissa Chavas, Justen Kay, Joy Franzek, Shannon Young, Ted Frazier, Adam Sanchez, Jenny Lesko, Kurt Scheller, Paul Targgart, Ben Benefiel, Larry Morrow, Ryan Tuthill.



Lab Band II—Front Row: Stacey Fields, Cindy Burkhardt, Erin Hamilton, Kristie Hill, Virginia Tillman, Jim Hampton, Jessica Taiclet, Crystal Frizzell. **Row 2:** Christy Neyhart, Elizabeth Johnson, Amanda Childers, Michelle Cain, Christy Menendez, Erika Kapica, Tessa Black, Cindy Miller, Amanda Gibson, Obie Perez. **Row 3:** Becky Dettlerline, David Motsinger, Emily Martin, Nate Burgess, Kim Nisbaum, Missy Martin, Heather Reno, Kary Ellen Passarelli, Faith Anderson. **Row 4:** Julie Cable, Erica Alcea, Nichole Collins, Kari Kaszniak, Jessica Provins, Alan Kane, Michele Easton, Charity Marsh, Ginny Foster. **Row 5:** Bill Kehoe, Chet Turner, Jason Bovenkerk, James Platek, David Brooks, Chris Kosovich, Steve Elliott, David Newton, Alex Puckett.



Sophomore Vicki Carr and freshman Susan Culig practice in Lab Band for the concerts held throughout the year. (Jennings photo)

Playing her flute, Joy Franzek concentrates on her music in first hour Lab Band. Lab Band practiced at West. (Jennings photo)

A line of trumpets in Lab Band play in class. Lab Band was the step taken before Concert and Symphonic Band. (Jennings photo)



Rich Farnish, freshman, and sophomores Jeanna Manna and Becky Foust practice their bass clarinet. (Jennings photo)





The Light at the End of the Tunnel

by Katie Belcher

Everyone looks for a light at the end of the tunnel. To the members of Lab Band this year the Symphonic and Concert Band was the light; the goal most members worked toward. They worked every day practicing their instruments during class. They experienced contests, concerts, practices and suggestions from Mr. Victor Racster, Lab Band director. They met new people and tolerated each other through the grueling hours on buses. All this to reach the goal some of them had been

looking forward to since they began in seventh grade.

This year, both Lab Bands received first division ratings in Indiana Secondary School Music Association. Mr. Racster said, "I knew that both groups had it in them to get a first."

Many people agreed. Ryan Tuthill, freshman, said, "I think we deserved (getting a first) because we worked really hard at it. We wanted it really badly and we got it."

Some feel that they did well, but could have done better. Eddie

Escalante said, "The band could have done a lot better. We tried our hardest... but there's always room for improvement."

Others don't think they deserved it at all. Jeremy Gannon, sophomore, said, "I didn't think we deserved it because our band doesn't practice enough."

Still, Mr. Racster believes they've come a long way. "There are so many people who are outstanding players. When it comes down to it, it's not one person or two people that make up a 70-piece band, it's the whole band and if one person doesn't cut their parts (practice), then the whole band suffers."

Lab Band left members memories to keep forever to remind them of their high school years.

Brian Chadwick, senior, fondly remembers playing in Lab Band.

"It was a lot of fun. We played a lot of fun, interesting music. Lab Band was definitely great."

Some people would like to go into Symphonic Band next year. Russ Somlia, freshman, said, "I'd like to play in Symphonic because it's a lot harder than Lab Band."

Others would rather not. Eddie said, "I think I want to give myself more time with the other bands before stepping up to Symphonic."

Justin Kay, freshman, explained, "I don't think I'm good enough for Symphonic Band yet."

Mr. Racster enjoyed working with the Lab Bands throughout this year. "We've come a long way during the year. It was very rough in the beginning. I'm very pleased with their progress, and I'm very happy to work with them."



Extra Activities Take Over Students' Lives

by Vicky Machin

Tubas, clarinets, saxophones and trumpets are all just small parts in a band. These are all inanimate objects, but they can take over a student's life in more ways than one.

Being in band is part of an entirely different lifestyle. When someone is in one band, they usually join many other different bands. Dan Vincent, junior, was in Marching Band, Freshman Band, Jazz Band 1 and Symphonic Band. He has also been a drum major. "I enjoy the different types of music in each band. It's fun," Dan commented.

In order to have the chance to enter into Concert or Symphonic Band, a student would have to think far in advance to decide if he wanted to be in band and which instrument he wanted to play. The deciding process would have to have begun in seventh grade when a student could have first started band. He would have to go through many years of practicing, concerts, contests and criticisms about talent and progress. Mr. Robert Symer, music department chairman, explained that the band directors had to meet together and decide who remained in which band, or if they moved

on to bigger and better things.

"There are two criteria that the three band directors judge the students on. The most important is the achievement they have made on the instrument. Then comes the ability to have excellent behavior in class. Sometimes students will come to us that are upset about not making it into a better band and we try to console them. The selection into the top group is very subjective. Students grow at different times," explained Mr. Symer.

It all sounds a little confusing, but in these ways it is obvious that being involved in band could have overtaken a student's life.

Sophomore Jenny Jones commented, "The music is a lot harder in Symphonic Band than the other bands. I've been in Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Marching Band.

Band could sometimes be a

break from the regular routine of the school day. A student could sit back, concentrate on the piece in front of them and lose themselves to the music.

"It's different. In band you can really enjoy yourself for a while. It's not like regular studying during the school day where it's the same old thing all the time," Lisa Clark, junior, commented.

Dan Gue, senior, was in different bands his entire high school career. In his history he has been in Jazz Band, Pep Band and Marching Band four years, Symphonic Band three years and even the Choraliers Show Band two years. Even though it seemed to take over his life, all he had to say was, "I just enjoy playing the music in band."

Ben Brajcki, junior, said, "Music is challenging and a lot of fun. I'm going to stick with it for a while."

Sitting in Symphonic Band during second hour, John Silva, junior, concentrates on his french horn playing. (Jones photo)

Symphonic Band members Nicole Goetschel, junior, and Jenny Parduhn, sophomore, stay in beat. (Jones photo)



Concert Band-Percussion—Front Row: Elizabeth Gaines, Jessica Balding, Carrie Mitchell. **Row 2:** David Robertson, Mike Knola, Geoff Williams.



Concert Band-Brass—Front Row: Jim Meyer, Heath Hitchcock, Jason Renner, Marcia McGill, Michelle Curtis, Teresa Gingerich. **Row 2:** Bridget Nelson, Bonnie Perrine, Holly Foreman, Mike Uporsky, John Szabo, Mike Pence. **Row 3:** Angie Lewandowski, Dan Harrell, Bryan George, Robert Ortiz, Chris David, Dave Kellogg.



Concert Band-Woodwinds—Front Row: Elizabeth Pierce, Stephanie Schmidt, Jennifer Vogt, Vicky Ortiz, Amy Archer, Deedee Rodriguez, Esther Shenfield, Megan Smith. **Row 2:** Cheryl Fain, Kelly Sisco, Nicole Brutout, Cari Taylor, Wendy Schafer, Yvonne Jaime, Julie Appelhaugen, Louis Bain. **Row 3:** Joe Carrasco, Lana Smith, Amanda Hodge, Melinda Hercules, Mindy Witt, Jessica Frencl, Beth Shurman, Sandy Samardzija. **Row 4:** Kelli Coppinger, Shannon Perco, Mr. William Timmerman, Jason Ouess, Scott McConnell, Pam Moise, Michelle Hoover, Kelli Koleck.



Symphonic Band-Brass—Front Row: Sean Fingerhott, Vince Walker, John Arredondo, Dana Cuo, Jamie Miles, Jennifer Johns, Dana Wellman, Teresa Gingerich. **Row 2:** Mr. Robert Symer, Griseld Villanuevam Darren Schmidt, Brian Austin, Steve Shaw, John Shaw, Melissa Bunk. **Row 3:** Dan Vincent, Jim Campbell, Kurt Gaimore, Chris Howell, Ramon Ayala, Kris Forst, Heather Green, Bonnie Perrine. **Row 4:** Garth Miller, Brian Forst, Kendall Hitchcock, Mark Robbins, Jim Demmon, Susan Dicken, Brian Chadwick. **Row 5:** Jason Alzman, John Silva, Ryan Ashby, David Henderson, Jason Nohr, Josh Jordan, Dan Sisco, Thomas Baldrige.



Symphonic Band-Woodwinds—Front Row: Kendra Miller, Erica Martinez, Chandra Hasse, Heather Baugh, Tanya Beach, Debbie Fomales, Lisa Clark, Melanie Marsden. **Row 2:** Tasha Reese, Kristy Swan, Marcia Deterline, Jennier Bunk, Jenny Parduhn, Amy Hinzley, Gina Gosmond, Tanya Shubat. **Row 3:** Stacey Ailes, Rachael Hutman, Laurie Hincley, Jenni Volk, Ryan Sonntag, Chuck Teel, Nicole Goetschel, Jody Auskalnis. **Row 4:** Cindy Valenti, Ryan Churchill, Randy Hatchett, Shane Bolde, Dave Timmons, Tim Brown, Jeremy Sarver, Mike Laurin, Heather Griffin.



Jazz Band I-Front Row: Mr. Robert Symer, Kendra Miller, Melissa Bunk, Melanie Marsden, Jody Auskalis. Row 2: Brian Chadwick, John Shaw, Bonnie Perrine, Dann Gue, Jeremy Sarver. Row 3: Dan Sisco, Garth Miller, Heather Green, Sean Holland, Shane Bolde. Row 4: Steve Shaw, Mark Robbins, David Henderson, Jim Demmon.



Jazz Band II-Front Row: Mr. Robert Symer, Kelly Sisco, Jim Campbell, Vince Walker, Jason Trinks. Row 2: Joe Carrasco, Jason Oness, Bryan George, Kurt Scheller. Row 3: Mike Rogers, Chris Kosovich, Holly Foreman, Arstin Goocher, John Silva. Row 4: Chuck Teel, Jason Alsmann, Mike Uporsky, Tom Baldrige, Chris Howell, Darren Schmidt.



Pep Band-Front Row: Stephanie Gonzalez, Vicki Carr, Amanda Childers, Briana Dixon, Heather Gaines, Stacy Ailes, Sandy Samarzidja, Beth Shurman, Megan Smith. Row 2: Deedee Rodriguez, Michelle Easton, Jenny Lesko, Tessa Black, Emily Martin, Wendy Schafer, Michelle Hoover, Jenny Parduhn, Chandra Hasse. Row 3: Jenny Wilson, Ramonita Rodriguez, Amanda Gibson, Michelle Bugarin, Cindy Miller, Jason Oness, David Brooks, Crystal Henderson, Jenny Volk. Row 4: Dan Gue, Jenny Johns, Jim Hampton, Rob Boyle, Virginia Tillman, John Silva, Tara Shenefield, Michelle Curtis, Dan Vincent, Melissa Bunk, Kurt Gilmore. Row 5: Brian Chadwick, Mike Uporsky, Jason Renner, Holly Foreman, David Kellogg, Ginny Foster, Dana Wellman, Ben Brajcki, Teresa Gingerich, Dave Henderson, Mark Robbins. Row 6: Chris Kosovich, Bridget Nelson, Joe Urban, Kari Kasznjak, Elizabeth Gaines, Grisel Villanueva, Geoff Williams, Dan Harrell, Brian George.

Producing fast-paced music from her clarinet, sophomore Tessa Black gives her time to the Pep Band and the spirit of the game.

Mr. Vic Racster, Pep Band sponsor, conducts the Pep Band on the bleachers during a game. Pep Band helped to keep up spirit.



Sophomores Brian George and Jason Oness practice their trombone and saxophone together for the Jazz Band during 7/8th hour in class. Jazz Band has received First Divisions in the ISSMA contest for the past ten years in a row and played at various contests during the year. (Jones photo)



Bands Prove to be Fun, but also Hard Work

by Jennifer Smith

Pep Band and Jazz Band sound like fun bands that are a lot of work, but that's not the case for students who participated in these bands. Many hours every week, and sometimes everyday, were spent practicing. Junior Mike Uporsky, a trumpet player for both bands, said he spent approximately forty-five minutes every day practicing for upcoming contests and concerts.

Pep Band performed for home basketball games. They played a lot of current rock hits which kept the crowd entertained and gave a fast beat for the Cheerleaders and Pom Pons to perform their side-

line routines to during pre-game.

"Pep Band can be very stressful," junior Jim Campbell, trumpet player, said. "We get a piece of music Thursday and have to be able to play it the next night at the game." Jim added that the song he liked performing the most was "Indian Fanfare," which caught the crowd's attention and was a great spirit booster. Jim and Mike both agreed that they really enjoyed it when the crowd sang along to the school song and "Warhawk Battle Cry," which was the song that the teams came on to the floor with for warm-ups.

"The worst part of Pep Band is the small amount of time we have

to learn the music," Jim said. Jim and Mike both agreed that a great part of being part of a group like Pep Band was the great friendships that they made during all the practices and performances.

Plenty of time and devotion must be put into band. In addition to after school practices, classes were needed to prepare for concerts. People still enjoyed music and band.

"Music is an important part of my life. I enjoy playing music and listening to it," Vicki Carr, sophomore, said.

Jazz Band performed at many concerts and contests. March 7 they received a first division at ISSMA contest. They have received this rating for ten years in a row. Jazz Band also performed at many concerts such as Bloomington Jazz Festival, Dec. 14 and 15, Rolling Meadows, Feb. 22, Gary Jazz Association, March

15, and in the Portage Commons, May 17.

Mike said that he feels that Jazz Band was more challenging than any other band because of the type of music they played. He also said that the worst part of Jazz Band was the difficulty of the music.

"Even though the music is difficult it is more enjoyable," Mike said. He also added that trips were a fun part of being involved in groups such as this.

"Bus trips were sometimes the most fun part of the trip, besides hearing that you received a first at contest," Jim stated.

Senior Jason Alsmann said that Jazz Band was very relaxed and laid back and the members were a lot of fun. He has played the drums for eleven years and admits that he gets burned out sometimes, but music will always be a big part of his life.



The orchestra struts its stuff at I.M.E.A.

by Katie Belcher

It was 7 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 8. During the practice the orchestra worried about what was about to happen at the concert Jan. 10. They did not know that in the next 48 hours they were to go through many hardships and setbacks in order to play at Indiana Music Educators Association (I.M.E.A.) at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis.

Anne Crockett, freshman, first chair second violinist, said, "I think we did good, but not up to our standards."

Senior Jenna Mitchell, viola player, said, "We're an under-pres-

sure kind of group. When things get tough, we really pull together."

Mr. Raymond Grivetti, orchestra conductor, said, "I'm happy that our reputation has spread to the point that people want us to play for them."

Jeff Juscak, senior, second violinist, said, "I think it's an honor that we're playing in front of such a high caliber audience. We're not playing in front of a bunch of yahoos who don't know what's going on."

As the day approached, people had last minute advice. Jeff made a hasty reply of, "Look up and follow the director," when Mr. Grivetti

was watching him to see what his reaction was. Jeff then emphasized, "I know I always do."

Grivetti gave one last sound piece of advice before heading off to Indianapolis, "Stay focused until the last note is done."

Finally, it was Friday morning, 4:30 a.m., and everyone loaded the buses, hoping for a smooth day.

Things went wrong from the very beginning. The orchestra was late getting off and snow was beginning to fall. Half way to Indianapolis, the All-State Jazz Band players were in an auto-accident. No one was hurt, but the delay set them back about half an hour.

Finally, the orchestra arrived at the hotel, half an hour late. The orchestra was ready to play but the audience wasn't ready for them. They stood outside for almost half an hour, waiting for the stage crew to finish setting up. When they went

in, the stage was too small for a 106-piece-orchestra. Worse, though, was that they were playing to an audience of about 30 people.

Later, back in Portage, a lot was said about the performance.

Betsy Blaha, senior, viola player, explained, "I'm glad it's over. Not too many people left during the concert, so I'd say we did pretty good."

Mr. Grivetti said, "Considering all the difficulties going down there ... I thought the performance went well. I was pleased and proud of the students."

Jenna replied, "I think it was a waste of time just to go down to play for 30 people."

Gina Gesmond, sophomore, first chair flute player, summed the whole trip up the best. "There's nothing like the feeling of preparing something and have it all pay off with a good performance."

Concert Orchestra practices together in class for their next concert. The Orchestra had a fundraiser with other Portage Twp. schools and raised about \$8,000. (Jones photo)

Freshmen Shawn Walker, Kevin Adams and Aaron Munoz play their basses during orchestra class. The Orchestra performed at the I.M.E.A. in Indianapolis Jan. 10. (Jones photo)



Mr. Raymond Grivetti conducts the orchestra at the Mid-term Graduation Jan. 26. The orchestra also played at Solo and Ensemble Contest, Feb. 8; State Finals, May 2; and concerts Dec. 4 and Apr. 6.



Symphonic Orchestra—Front Row: Sheila Lynch, Jennifer Sworden, Ruth Creech, Jennifer Chapman, Amy Gregorash, Betsy Blaha, Marcia Dettlerline. **Row 2:** Vicki Sims, Christy Haines, Wendy Nemeth, Connie Dicken, Angie McLean, Jenna Mitchell, Theresa Gibson, Joanna Hildey, Jan Barron. **Row 3:** Bridget Nelson, Michelle Hower, Kathy Cimballa, Rashid Findley, Mike Rogers, Heather Greene, Robynne Lute, Kristin Schumacher, Jason Renner. **Row 4:** Brian Rogers, Larry Morrow, Jason Oness, Ken Nickos, Mark Robbins, Steve Manwaring, Craig Heldt, Susan Dicken, Craig Garrison.



Symphonic Orchestra—Front Row: Pedro Claudio, Tania Tavernier, Tiffany Soto, Tanya Summerfield, Vanessa Dombey, Tammy Daghy, Carie Varner, Jenny Dranchak, Emily Frechette. **Row 2:** Jennifer Carrasco, Angie Norman, Mary Kilgore, Teresa Rossman, Radmila Obradovic, Jennifer Mantz, Viki Sanchez, Marsha Raico, Michelle Buckner, Megan Kelly. **Row 3:** Misty Curtis, Tina LeRose, Erin Phillips, Jennifer Corey, Tina Ayers, Geoff Williams, Lara Theyley, Tammy Mitchell, Curtis Bledsoe, Freeda Pashogios. **Row 4:** Leshe Crockett, Pam Moise, Elizabeth Gaines, Joel Lach, Dennis Schiller, Dan Shoppa, Angela Back, Jeff Juscak, Anne Crockett, Katie Belcher.



Concert Orchestra—Front Row: Kristie Cunningham, Becky Startup, Michelle Cain, Colette Berbesque, Kathy Metavakis, Amber Chavez, Mike Lee. **Row 2:** Kerry Dailey, Cara Velez, Sarah Cool, Geoff Jacobs, Martha Gonzalez, Courtney Rasco, Kyla Landrum. **Row 3:** Jason Bono, Ed Isbell, Susan Dravet, Jeremy Juscak, Alma Marlin, Cal Ackerman, Jill Gibson. **Row 4:** Karen Cubbison, Lisa Hansen, Tina Show, Michelle Lyon, Steve Christian, Nichole Collins, Angie Dailey, Jodi Smith.



Concert Orchestra—Front Row: Amy Tucker, Shana O'Rourke, Norma Diaz, Mike Murray, Cynthia Cubbison. **Row 2:** Matt Brown, Dell Lyon, Holly Miles, Julian Najer. **Row 3:** Aaron Munoz, Kevin Adams, Ryan Ritter, Shawn Walker, Michelle Forney.



Concert Choir—Front Row: Jenny Lesko, Michelle Swanson, Julie Ham, Erin Hamilton, Sarah Mitchell, Tammy Jacobs, Christie Risk, Beverly Doll, Angel Gray, Dawn Eaton, Karmel Aron. **Row 2:** Cara Velez, Stephanie Markos, Cindy Miller, Jessica Meyer, Tina Ruth, Kate Crum, John Farris, Chrissy Zaganas, Christa Vlamos, Arlene Lopez, April Goodman. **Row 3:** Melana Veiner, Heather Irvine, Rabia Javed, Laura Demmon, Trisha Kennedy, Carrie Sipich, Jos Chitwood, Scott Baker, Cassandra Stiles, Becky Ramirez, Kimberly Hoeft, Nataha Bellar. **Row 4:** Mr. Warren Miller, Director, Rachael Persuhn, Sabrina Reid, Tasha Sutherland, Mandy Witt, Kris Koukd, Bob Kirk, Josh McCormack, Jerry Truax, Dawn Bunker, Jennita Lopez, Alma Martin. **Row 5:** Heather Waugh, Jenna Wilson, Patti Corabian, Jennifer Martus, Tammy Scott, Joey Matlock, Emiliano Ochoa, James Patek, Jennifer Foutner, Kari Wiseman, Shanley Smith, Tammy Gritley.



Symphonic Choir—Front Row: Mr. Warren Miller, Director, Joella Singleton, Meredith Knapp, Andrea Hoover, Julie Ham, Jennifer Cuyo, Jennie McDougall. **Row 2:** Tracy Barnard, Tammy Parks, Janice Westmoreland, Julia Chitwood, John Farris, Teresa Cunningham, Seann Daley. **Row 3:** Emily Smith, Amanda Flynn, Angie Cox, Jerry Traux, Julie Bogue, Jennifer Hostetler, Tammy Dunn. **Row 4:** Keith Duval, Danielle Glenn, Kelly Silverthorn, Dan Vincent, Bob Kirk, Shannon Combs, Amber Sobczak, Mike Pence. **Row 5:** Lawrence Siegel, Angela Wells, Jennifer Shelton, Corrie Funks, Mike Kalina, James Patek, Michelle Hooper.



Girls' Glee Club—Front Row: Melissa Morris, Chastity Alfaro, Tuesday Barnes, Kristie Evans, Patricia Labus, Meredith Knapp, Marcia McGill, Julie Ham, Megan Smith, Jennifer Shaw. **Row 2:** Jen Luvsgood, Treva Doll, Julie Capellan, Joanna New, Tina Bacon, Amanda Flynn, Ame Thacker, Joanna Linsmeier, Shannon Hinden. **Row 3:** Missy Martin, Michelle Callagher, Mandy Mendonza, Melana Veiner, Nikki Smutko, Chrissy Newhart, Cyndi Losh, Lana Smith, Stephanie Burdette, Mr. Warren Miller, Director. **Row 4:** Lisa Gibson, Jennifer Bates, Tracy Noffsinger, Carrie Moyer, Debbie Noffsinger, Misty Cardenas, Jennie Cox, Christie Byers, Kelli Kulock.



Choralers—Front Row: Jawad Javed, Tammy Parks, Dan Sisco, Mark Robbins, Dann Gur, Geoff Williams, Joella Singleton, Jason Berman. **Row 2:** Julie Bogue, Janice Westmoreland, Andrea Hoover, Eric Knowles, Angela Wells, Tracy Barnard, Carrie Martin, Melanie Marsden. **Row 3:** Heather Green, Joe Ponavac, Angie Cox, Bob Kirk, Shannon Combs, Dawn Bunker, Debbie Noffsinger, Jody Aukalins.

Covered with soap, Kelly Silverthorn, junior, scrubs a van for the Choralers' car wash which made an estimated \$300. (Westmoreland photo)

Covering the stage, the Choralers perform at Back to School Night, Sept. 18, for the visiting parents. (Smith photo)



Mr. Warren Miller, choir teacher, sings along with the Concert Choir while playing the piano as an accompaniment. The choirs, Choralers and Girls Glee Club went to many concert and contests throughout the year and performed at Back to School Night and Christmas concerts. (Westmoreland photo)



Practicing Talents in School Classes

by Vicky Machin

Choir is a class that is offered to students every year and taught by Mr. Warren Miller. Students had different choices to choose from for the class. They may have taken Concert Choir, Symphonic Choir, Girl's Glee Club or Choraliers. Each class had chances to show what they had achieved at concerts and contests. During each class the students practiced the art of singing. People say practice makes perfect, and that is what the choir classes did to achieve prime projection and perfection.

Students agreed that singing is a natural talent that should be practiced.

"Singing is partially a natural talent, but with practice and training it can be learned or improved," Julia Chitwood, senior, commented.

Jennie McDougal, sophomore, said, "Singing can be natural, but everyone has to learn how to sing properly. Everyone can sing, but you must practice to become better."

Practice is usually a big part of improving singing abilities and becoming a good singer.

Josh McCormick, freshman, noted, "Singing can be learned, but a person needs to practice in order to do it."

"I think singing is just a natu-

ral talent, although you can get better through practice. I don't practice very often on school pieces, but I sing other songs all the time," Dawn Bunke, freshman, said.

According to students practice is a big part of being a good singer, but students had many reasons for taking the class.

"I think taking a class for singing in school is helpful to me in the future. It will help me because it teaches me to read music and have good technique," Josh said.

Jenny stated, "Choir in school can help, but if you are truly serious you should take private lessons."

There were other reasons than future hopes and dreams for students to join choir. Jenn Martus, junior, confessed, "I joined choir because I want to perform in front of my friends, family and peers. I

also didn't want to be totally illiterate in music."

Mindy Witt, freshman, commented, "I enjoy singing and I hope to maybe have a singing career later in my life."

"I joined choir because I love to sing and I want to learn more about the arts (music)," Dawn explained.

Of course there are always downsides with something good.

Tammy Scott, junior, complained, "I hate the standing that we have to do in Choraliers."

Mike Pence, sophomore, said, "I don't like the high bass parts, the standing or Mr. Miller when he is mad."

Even if a person is born with a great talent, in order to keep up with other people in the profession it should be practiced.

"You can always get better," Dawn said.



L earning Leadership and Self-Discipline

by Crystal Torres

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps--what exactly is it? Many students have a misconception of what JROTC exactly is. Some students think that in order to be in JROTC you have to want to join the military after high school.

However, this assumption is false; JROTC is merely a class that teaches leadership, self-discipline and responsibility.

The students in JROTC practiced from 5:30-7 a.m. from the beginning of October until the end of the school year, and most of their summers are spent prepar-

ing for the strenuous season ahead. These students took a lot of their personal time to learn leadership qualities and give themselves more self-discipline.

Tenna Bradley, junior, first lieutenant, said, "Through JROTC I've learned a lot. I've learned leadership and I've had the opportunity to get to know myself and my weaknesses. I've also learned to strengthen these weaknesses."

Chastity McWhirter, junior and captain, said, "I have learned to have self-confidence in myself and to be a leader, not a follower."

The advantages of participating in JROTC were abundant ac-

cording to some students. Tanya Dick, junior, who was also a captain said, "One advantage is that we're only required to take one year of gym and we get to do things that our fellow classmates don't. We help out the community and we also get to leave school early to go to drill meets."

Senior Jeff Root, lieutenant colonel, said that one advantage was, "You feel like a part of a team. It's weird how a program can pull together people of different backgrounds and races to be as close as we are."

There were problems that develop occasionally. Major Dave White felt that a disadvantage was not being able to practice as much as possible because of all the clubs. Therefore, they had to practice well in the short amount of time that they were allotted.

Many students from the stu-

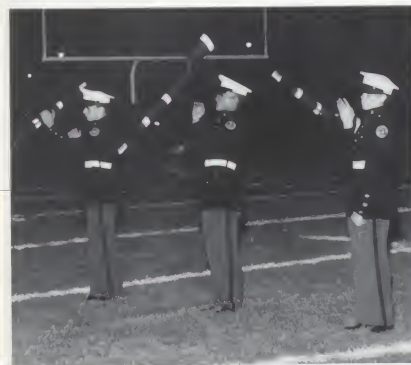
dent body felt that JROTC was a good program. Junior Jennifer Walker and senior Dawn Haddon, both agreed that the JROTC was a good disciplinary program and was well run for people who wish to gain opportunities by learning different and useful leadership skills.

Members of JROTC did not hear much negativity about their group, and the majority of the members felt that even if they had heard things, it wouldn't have hindered their ambition to excel in this program.

Major White concluded, "I feel that we cooperate with so many clubs that they view us favorably." He added, "I've worked here for three years and each year JROTC gets better. I see myself as a leadership coach, giving these students knowledge of challenges that they'll be faced with."

The JROTC show their pride while marching in the Homecoming Parade. The JROTC traveled to Daytona, FL in May for Regionals.

Ken Heyse, junior, and Jeff Root, senior, raise the flag at Homecoming Game. The JROTC received second place at Purdue on Feb.1.



In the spotlight at the Homecoming Game the JROTC displays their talents and know-how in front of the large audience enjoying the show. The JROTC went to compete at Champagne, IL for a drill meet in April.



JROTC Regulation Drill Unit-Front Row: Elsa Chavarria, Amanda Akers, John Creasy, Tatjana Dick, Cristina Llamas, Kristy Boruff. **Row 2:** Lara Gensimore, Josh Puert, Scott Heyse, Timothy Bennelt, Casey Lanier, Jennifer Zehner.



JROTC Unarmed Exhibition Unit-Front Row: Aurora Agostini, Leslie Blackwell, Nicole Stout, Christine Clendaniel, Tonya Allan, Heather Finnerty, Kristin Walker. **Row 2:** Tina Allan, Maribel Ortiz, Danielle Lowenthal, Eddie Escalante, David Ortiz, Jennifer Zehner, Jennifer Bates.



JROTC Exhibition Drill Class-Front Row: Charles Cooley, Tim Bennett, Jason Schad, Ken Heyse, Eric Goetz, Jeff Root, Steve Arms, Mandy Stanko, Joshua Puert, Aaron Landrum. **Row 2:** Tatjana Dick, Cristina Llamas, Kristy Boruff, Charles Andrews, Amanda Akers, Maribel Ortiz, Tina Allan, Angela Lilsa, Roberto Leon, Kristin Schmalfeldt, Nicole Puckett. **Row 3:** Christine Clendaniel, Libby Kado, Leslie Blackwell, Tenna Bradley, Wendy Karsten, Kristin Walker, Aurora Agostini, Tamara Smith-Boltze, Elsa Chavarria, Curtis Bledsoe, Jennifer Fluck. **Row 4:** John Stafford, Danielle Lowenthal, John Creasy, Casey Lanier, Lara Gensimore, Jennifer Bates, Chastity McWhirter, Scott Heyse, Jennifer Zehner, Terri Balash, James Shadley.



JROTC Armed Exhibition Unit-Front Row: Tenna Bradley, Tamara Smith-Boltze, Chastity McWhirter, Roberto Leon, Nicole Puckett, Charles Andrews. **Row 2:** Jason Schad, Ken Heyse, Charles Cooley, Eric Goetz, Jeff Root, Aaron Landrum.



Writing, Stress and Responsibilities

by Vicky Machin

"I like the writing, seeing what I've done being published and working with other people," Todd Summar, junior, *Pow Wow* Asst. Ed., remarked. "I don't like the irresponsible people, work pressures and stress," he added. "Sometimes the responsibility of having stories due becomes overbearing."

The students involved with the publications department had big responsibilities to overcome in the process of achieving their goals and turning all their deadlines in on time. The students must deal with other people and work together within the staff. Brian

Graves, sophomore, *Legend* Ad Sales Manager, commented, "When you are writing a story and trying to interview people, you don't always make your deadlines because you have to depend on those people to do everything and return everything in on time for you to rough and final the story. It's really hard to keep everything organized and turn everything in on time."

"Sometimes, you just have to learn to budget your time wisely so everything gets done on time and is the very best it can be," Crystal Torres, junior, *Legend* Business Manager/Photographer, explained. There are also always

rewards that go along with a job well done. "I love the way it makes me feel when I see my work in print," Crystal added.

There also are differences that go along with each staff. The *Legend* had one book that was distributed in the fall. *Pow Wow* produced seventeen different papers throughout the year. "I can see my work being published more often if I'm on *Pow Wow*," Todd explained. *Pow Wow* received two marks of distinction from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) with a first class rating. The students on News Bureau sent their work to local newspapers to inform the community of current school events.

Senior Julie Calamaris, News Bureau staffer, said, "I find News Bureau very easy. That's why I joined. I also didn't want to deal with layouts and spreads that you get on *Pow Wow* and *Legend*."

Every other Friday the *Pow Wow* was seen floating around the school. If any controversial articles were included that week it was the small talk of the day. In the fall the *Legends* was in the hands of over 1,400 students, being passed around to friends to be signed with little notes of appreciation.

Publication staffers disagree that the information that comes out of the publications department really has an impact on the school. Sophomore Valerie Kowal, *Legend* Co-Ads Manager, commented, "The publications sure do have an impact on the school! They help the students know what's going on in the school."

"I think the publications affect the staffs in drastic ways, but is forgotten by the vast majority of the public," Kristi Rea, senior, *Legend* Editor-in Chief, said.

Linda Koehler, sophomore, and Kristi Rea, senior, alphabetize the name-stamped books for Legend distribution. Students bought 1,400 of the 1991 yearbooks. (Jones photo)

News Bureau staffer Kelly Coppinger, sophomore, edits her story. Articles were sent to papers ranging from the *Portage Journal* to the *Post-Tribune*. (Pride photo)



Cindy Lute, sophomore, and Heather Griffith, senior, work together for the Student Life section. The 1990-91 Legend received a first class honor rating and three marks of distinction for coverage, writing/editing and design from National Scholastic Press Association. (Smith photo)



Legend Staff—Front Row: Val Kowal, Linda Koehler, Kristi Rea, Tanya Castellanos, Louis Bain. Row 2: Heather Lorance, Shelley Djurich, April Greenwell, Sheri Conrick, Cindy Lute, Crystal Torres. Row 3: Dave Jennings, Brian Graves, Heather Griffith, Vicky Machin, Kim Crosslin.



Pow Wow—Front Row: Sheila Lynch, Melissa Lemond, Niccole Anderson, Amie Thacker. Row 2: Linda Tuncay, Jenny Parker, Earl Clay, Jenny Mason, Cristy Snellgrove. Row 3: Todd Summar, Jeff Miller, Brian Forst, Mike Pappas.



Staff Photographers—Front Row: Marissa Jones, Janice Westmoreland, Tanya Pride. Row 2: Jennifer Smith, Kim Crosslin, Jason Reber.



News Bureau—Front Row: Bryon Clouse, Julie Calamaris, Kelly Coppinger, JoAnne Scott.



Spanish Club—Front Row: Ryan Beres, Patricia Labus, Yvonne Pedroza, Mrs. Kathryn Hites. Row 2: Martha Gonzalez, Vicki Carr, Heather Pugh. Row 3: Jenny Mason, Paula Dominick, Holly Miles, Brian Daniels.



Latin Club—Front Row: Heather Westerkamp, Layla Miller, Nicole Szumtko, Stacie Cook. Row 2: Renee Whiteman, Tricia Whitten, Kate Crum, Heather Lorange, Holli Binder. Row 3: Randy Trent, Chris Rockwell, Tim Simstad, Jessica Fields, Mr. Bill Schott.



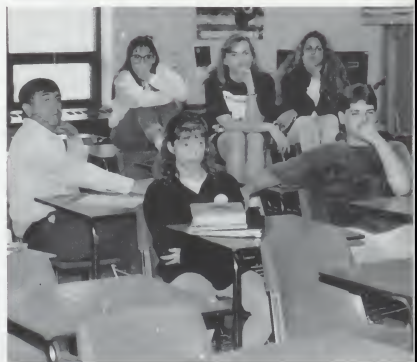
French Club—Front Row: Melissa Chavez, Amy Archer, Vickie Fisher, Gina Gesmond, Laura Demmon. Row 2: Jenni Volk, Julia Chittwood, Jeff Juszcak, Sara Covington, Katie Belcher, Jeremy Juszcak. Row 3: April Barnard, Crystal Henderson, Karly Melcher, Stephanie Lo, Apryl Penney. Row 4: Quinton Shorter, Miles Sabin, Ed Tefteau, Jason Mead, Laura Dunlop, Mr. Dave Mastly.



German Club—Front Row: Carrie Hunt, Sarah Mitchell, Susan Wells, Stephanie Markos, Angela Markos. Row 2: Scott Ainsworth, Kim Daniels, Rosemary Jefiminko, Jennifer Martus, Lisa Osterkamp. Row 3: Joe Hicks, Brian Forst, Kris Forst, Jason Knapp, Tony Hart.

April Barnard, senior, marches in the Homecoming Parade with her blue balloons for the French Club. (Jones photo)

Ms. Agripina Monsivais and Mrs. Lynne Huerta listens to Rosie Sosa, senior, discuss her plans for the Spanish Club. (Smith photo)



Mr. Bill Schott, Latin Club sponsor, listens intently to a presentation about fundraising along with the other Latin Club members during the meeting. The Latin Club became prominent this year with a total of 47 members who all helped to raise more money for the club. (Smith photo)



C ompetition and Fun in Language

by Vicky Machin

Competition. This word may be used to describe how the Language Clubs interact. The Homecoming Hall Decorations, Homecoming Parade floats and the Foreign Language Christmas Party's tree decorating contest are just some of the competitive activities that the Language Clubs—Spanish, German, French, Latin and Chinese—have participated in over the past years.

"We're very competitive with the French Club. My favorite competition is the castle building during Homecoming," Robby Eyermann, sophomore German

Club member, said.

"The French Club has won the Hall Decorations five years in a row and the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest every year," Mr. Dave Masty, sponsor, commented.

"We haven't really been involved long enough to really compete in the Language Clubs competitions. I want to get more involved," Tim Bayer, senior Latin Club member, explained.

The Language Clubs are more than competition. They also have a Christmas party where all the clubs come together and celebrate Christmas as their respective

countries. They also sing Christmas songs in their club's language. Together, they learn a lot and share what they have all learned.

Tim said, "We can meet new friends at the Christmas party. It's a lot of fun learning things about the other clubs."

Each club does different things that make them distinctive from the other Language Clubs.

The German Club had about 25 members and has been in action for 30 years. They learned about the German culture during their meetings and had fun.

Mrs. Ruth Harbrecht, sponsor, said, "We always had a nice picnic in May until last year."

"I wish the meetings were every week and not once every month," Robby said.

Kim Bono, sophomore Spanish Club member, said, "I've been in Spanish Clubs since I was a fresh-

man. I thought it would be neat to join for an extra activity. I love going on all the field trips."

The Latin Club stayed the night in the sponsor's (Mr. Bill Schott) barn in his backyard in October.

Quinn Koehler, sophomore, said, "We had a lot of fun messing around together at the overnighther that night. I think we're one of the most wild and crazy clubs. The others seem to be more conservative than us."

The Latin Club became prominent this year with a membership totalling 47 members.

"By next year we will have enough money and will be recognized better. The first thing we decided to do was to have a fundraiser. From there we will have more money and will be able to do more things with the club," Stacie Cook, junior Latin Club vice-president, explained.



Being in the Spotlight on the Center Stage

by Tanya Castellanos

Speech/Debate and the Thespians are in fact totally different things, yet they operate in similar ways. Take for instance a voice that can be heard. Both Thespians and Speech/Debate often act out parts, whether it's putting on a play or convincing an audience that their argument is right.

"To be a Thespian, you had to work three shows, whether it's plays or the variety show," sophomore Lana McCall said.

"A Speech/Debate member should be good in front of crowds, have a strong voice and a well

built vocabulary," freshman Erica Lund said.

Both Speech/Debate team and Thespians took time and effort to be involved in.

"My friend and I saw posters asking people to join Speech/Debate, so we signed up and found out what it was all about. I liked it a lot, but I had a hard time getting a ride, so I didn't get to participate that much," Erica added.

Thespians were a group that sold ads to raise money for the drama department. Mr. Joe Stevens was the sponsor of this club.

"We attended meetings every so often and sold ads. I'm in Thespians for the satisfaction of entertaining others," senior Bill Hrdina stated.

Thespians went to Chicago in October to see *Cinderella*, then returned once again to Chicago in May to see the play *Shear Madness*, and to carry out other fun filled activities.

Speech/Debate traveled many places this year for meets and tournaments, those places were Elkhart, Plymouth, Hammond, Indianapolis, LaPorte, Kokomo, Munster, Chesterton, Valparaiso, and Kankakee Valley. The team competed in front of various judges. There were a number of different categories to compete in such as prose, duo, impromptu and radio.

"I think that this year the

Speech/Debate has been strongest with prose."

Students were paired up with others then competed in rounds. The best speakers in each round then proceeded on to another level. The overall achievers were then awarded with ribbons in the final round. Portage received a team trophy in March when they competed at Chesterton; out of 18 places available, they received fifth.

"We won a great deal of ribbons this year," said sponsor of Speech/Debate, Mrs. Linda Hicks.

In both Speech/Debate and Thespians, students had the chance of being the center of attention. Both gave many students a sense of achievement as well as an interest in extra curricular events.

Seniors Jennifer Shelton, Josh Jordan, Carrie Martin and Bill Hrdina perform a song from Hello Dolly! for entertainment at the banquet.

Thespian Jawad Javed, senior, sings "Somewhere Out There" for the Thespian banquet. The banquet was May 26.



Speech/Debate—Front Row: Tasha Reese, Leslie Blacksell, Wendy Radic, Jeff Kimbrough, Rabia Javed, Tammy Jacobs, Stacie Cook. Row 2: Brenda Likavec, Tessa Black, Christine Kish, Charity Kish, Charity Marsh, Mrs. Linda Hicks, Laura Guillen. Row 3: Nikki Puckett, Erica Lund, Sara Covington, Dana Wellman, Julia Chitwood, Ginny Foster.



Thespians—Front Row: Julie Appelhagen, Lana McCall, Jaime Rogers, Nicole Power, Carrie Martin, Tara Denk, Jill Gebson, Angi Hatfield. Row 2: Jennifer Kelly, John Stafford, Scott Redigonda, Jawad Javed, Brian Forst, Kris Forst, Kerry Hodsdon. Row 3: Jennifer Shelton, Josh Jordan, Chris Rogers, David Henderson, David Jennings, Darren Schmidt, Bill Hrdina, Beth Shurman.



Senior Niki Garavalia accepts her award from Mr. Joe Stevens for best actress in *Welcome to the Monkey House* while Mr. William Bodnar watches.

Sophomore Tara Hoots helps Speech/Debate pick up garbage on Hwy. 6. Speech/Debate adopted two miles of the highway to keep clean. (Jones photo)



School Organizations Serve a Purpose

by Vicky Machin

The purpose of clubs in school change with what the members want the organization to do and what they want to accomplish. The FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) and Pep Club are both sport-oriented organizations which complies with the desires of the members active in them.

The Pep Club "supports the different sport teams throughout the year by baking cakes and making signs. When teams advance through the Sectionals and Regionals, we do special things such as sending them balloons and flowers," Miss Kathy Kotyuk,

Pep Club sponsor, explained.

"Pep Club is a good way to promote school spirit," senior Tammy Lehman said. "We excite the crowd more because the pep block cheers along with the cheerleaders and gets the crowd excited."

"I like the people, the school spirit and the different stuff we do to support the teams," junior Jennifer Gilbert said.

Dawn Canzano, senior, said "I think that we try to make the crowd enthusiastic but sometimes it doesn't work. Even if we don't help the crowd, we definitely help the team. It lets them know that

win or lose we're behind them. I think it's worth it."

Mr. Bob Mattix, FCA sponsor, explained, "The FCA is more of an inter-spirit than an outer spirit. It is a means for young people to express their problems. Usually good leaders and great contributors to school involve themselves with the FCA. Most are athletes concerned about school activities who keep themselves involved."

Sophomore Chris Shaffer said, "We (the FCA) try to meet by the North Cafeteria Wednesday evenings. We encourage non-members to come and see what it's all about. We have fun and share ideas under Christian guidance."

The FCA is involved greatly with problems, God and sports. The meetings started and ended with prayer. During part of the meeting they may have had a lesson to do with Bible reading. They

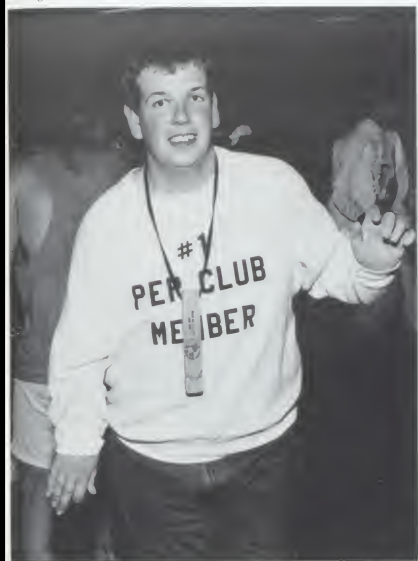
also talked about modern problems such as stress, competition, satanism, attitudes and not just a completely Christian curriculum. "We do not want to scare young people away by only doing a Christian atmosphere," Mr. Mattix added.

Cristi Conrick, sophomore, said, "Even though we are a group of many 'set religions' we all believe in God and talk about certain situations. But we have fun too!"

Occasionally the FCA would hold Activity Nights on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Games would be played such as basketball, volleyball, and table tennis. If enough people appeared then they would play floor hockey. The Activity Night helped to bring more people into the FCA and show what the FCA was about.

Sophomores Missy Miller, Erich Squire and Jennifer Gilbert enjoy the pizza given to them by the FCA during Activity Night. The FCA also played sports at Activity Night. (Reber Photo)

Proud of his accomplishments, senior Mike Thorn flaunts his "#1 Pep Club Member" shirt. Mike has been credited with never missing a game or meeting, knowing all the cheers and being the best cheerer.



Pep Club-Front Row: Heather Moore, Dawn Canzano, Heather Smith, Niki Garavalia, Mike Thorn, JoAnna Hitzley, Jennifer Gilbert, Stacie Cook. **Row 2:** Tanya Kirchner, Melanie Peda, Julie Rhody, Laura Alkire, Holly Hostettler, Danie Nobles, Candi Modesto, Satn Heroux, Jenny McDougal. **Row 3:** Tamar Modesto, Misty Curtis, Celena Origel, Trisha Springer, Amy Stanley, Rosie Sosa, Leslie Crockett, Amy Hitzley, Lana McCorkle. **Row 4:** Tammy Lehman, Patience Shutz, Debbie Beddome, Monica Martinez, Merri Noble, Erica Martinez, Soann Dailey, Tara Denk. **Row 5:** Trina Schaefer, Tonia Jarvis, Cari Taylor, Amy Silverthorn.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes-Front Row: Mr. Bob Mattix, Heather Moore, Marisa Krenkel, Dan Bonta, Jamie Miles, Nikki Brown. **Row 2:** Shannon Mott, Matt Brown, Robin Autrey, Deanne Vallow, Chris Schaefer. **Row 3:** David Muniz, Jacob Adames, Fred McWilliams, Brad Cain, Kurt Mattix, Cristi Conrick.



The members of FCA sit by Mr. Bob Mattix discussing life and sports at a meeting. The FCA helped the students deal with the trials and tribulations of life. (Westmoreland Photo)

Cheerleaders, mandatory members of the Pep Club, try to keep the crowd enthusiastic at a basketball game. The Pep Club baked cakes and made signs for the teams to keep their spirit up.

SADD/STOP Club—Front Row: June Spon, Sarah Mitchell, Becky Gregorash, Evette Sanchez, Melanie P'eda, Delora Medina. **Row 2:** Greta Rondinelli, Denise Lilly, Kara Kitchell, Erica Martinez, Courtney Perkins, Terri Simstad, Layla Miller, Dana Floyd, Jen Gilbert, Shannon McAllister, Jennie McDougal. **Row 3:** Mrs. Estelle Chaddock, Veronica Sinclair, Kelly McCorkle, Jennifer Kelly, Julie Appelhagen, Shelli Gibson, Tracy Barnard, Heather Loranec, Brenda Gottlieb, Sheri Manske, Mrs. Linda P'eda. **Row 4:** Jenny Mason, Trinity Brindza, Amy Stanley, Danie Nobles, Kristi Terwilliger, Leslie Crockett, Erin Trathen, Lana McCorkle, Tanya Kirchner, Shital Sheth, Danielle Robertson, Katie Belcher. **Row 5:** Quinton Shorter, Jenny Johns, Jayme Perez, Nedine Cunningham, Monica Daich, Heather Hegedus, Carla Addison, Debbie Rose, Missy Miller, Wendy Sulich, Nicole Scarbrough, Shannon McGriffin. **Row 6:** Jennifer Martus, Kari Cochran, Jon Gonzalez, Josh Jordan, Dave Saviola, Brian Murphy, Chad Kestner, Jason Cheek, Eric McCorkle, Joe Guerre, Gabriel Soukup.



Seniors Grisel Villanueva and Sheri Manske share their excitement about Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 19-25, by pinning ribbons on senior Ro Guerrero. (Westmoreland photo)

The hall next to the North Cafeteria looks empty the day after the Homecoming Pep Session. The STOP/SADD Club worked on their hall decorations for three weeks and they were torn down three hours after they were put up.



Mr. Tom Milteer sings "You've Lost That Loving Feeling" with the STOP/SADD Club at the Homecoming Dance to introduce Karaoke Night, Oct. 19. Karaoke Night was an impromptu lip-synching extravaganza that was started to raise money for the SADD/STOP Club and to have fun.



Students Fighting in War Against Drugs

by Brian Graves

According to Mrs. Estelle Chaddock 25,000 people die because of drunk driving every year. This averages to about 500 deaths a week. The majority of these deaths are high school students. Most teenagers can help solve the problem by joining Students Against Drunk Driving/Students Taking on Problems (SADD/STOP).

When Chaddock came to PHS in 1988 SADD was in existence. She felt that another organization dealing with drugs was needed. STOP was formed. The name STOP was borrowed from

Willowcreek Middle School. She then met with senior Dave Saviola and they realized that they were doing similar things. SADD/STOP has been in existence since 1989.

Dave, president, said, "Our main objective is to completely eliminate drunk driving and drug abuse. We want to make everyone aware of what happens when they are used."

Trinity Brendza, senior, said, "It is pointless for people to drive drunk because there is always somebody that is not drunk that can drive them home."

The club's activities involved

Heather Lorange, senior, secretary of SADD/STOP, and Niki Scarbrough, senior, put together the SADD/STOP hall decorations which were torn down during the Pep Session the night before. (Westmoreland photo)

dedication; however, they had fun which they said is part of staying drug free, sharing friendships and activities, without drugs.

Chaddock said, "I believe this club has a difference. Often students who need to get back in the mainstream after possibly being treated or having experienced a problem with alcohol or drugs are asked to join."

Danielle Robertson, sophomore, said, "I joined SADD/STOP because it helps students realize the dangers of drunk driving and doing drugs." She also said that drunk driving and doing drugs hurts others not just yourself.

Dave said, "I joined partially because over 10,000 people die each year because of alcohol and

drugs and because I've had a personal experience with drugs in my family."

Chaddock felt that the students who joined SADD/STOP are making a statement that they are concerned about the impact that drunk driving and drug usage is having on today's youth. During the year the club traveled to elementary and middle schools and performed skits and held meetings to try and teach kids the dangers of being involved with drugs and alcohol.

Dave said, "Everybody should listen to the song Take A Walk On The Wildside by Markie-Mark And The Funky Bunch. People should listen to the words of the song because they tell what can happen when drugs are used."



Students Reach Out in Student Outreach

by Crystal R. Torres

Teenagers are faced with the trials and tribulations of peer pressure, family problems and the problems of relationships as a regular part of life. Often these students feel that they have no one to turn to; they feel that the counselors at school may call their parents or that friends will not understand what they are going through. To combat these feelings, Portage High School has developed a program to help students in need. This program has been named Student Outreach and reflects its name because the members reach out to the stu-

dents to help them overcome problems.

Students were appointed to be on the Student Outreach program through teacher recommendations.

Junior Erica Smith said, "Students were suggested by teachers and their guidance counselors. Then, Mrs. Estelle Chaddock and Mr. David Ochoa chose out of those students a group that represented a cross section of the school."

Many people felt that Student Outreach was a good idea and that the members felt that they were helped through talks with

the students.

Senior Trinity Brindza said, "I feel very privileged to help others and it makes me feel good inside knowing that someone trusts me."

Senior Ariadna Fernandez said, "I felt that I reached out to people when I counseled them."

The peer counselors in Student Outreach were faced with an array of problems ranging from family problems to relationships to everything else in between throughout the course of the year.

When asked what a normal day as a peer counselor in Student Outreach consisted of, Erica said, "I don't think there's a 'normal' day for Outreach. Each day is full of its own problems, each problem different from the next."

This was the first year that Student Outreach was in effect and

students felt that it should continue to be a program for students who need it.

Erica said, "I'm not sure if it (Student Outreach) is popular enough to remain, but it is a great program, not only for students that need help, but also for the students affiliated with Outreach."

Sophomore Justin Conway said, "I'm not sure if the student body is interested enough in this program to definitely say yes or no, but I think that it is a very good program."

Many students in the program said that they had good feelings when they helped someone. Erica and Ariadna agreed that students would enter the Outreach office feeling really bad, sometimes hopeless, but when they left many felt great.

Outreach member, senior Ariadna Fernandez, provides a listening ear for senior Susie Ritchey. Outreach was a new student program this year.

Junior Karly Melcher cuts paper for her project in Brush & Palette. This club allowed students to discuss their art after school. (Westmoreland photo)



Sophomore Charlotte Pike paints her Brush & Palette painting with a foam brush. Brush & Palette met at the West building on Tuesdays throughout the year to brush up on their drawing and artistry skills and was sponsored by Mrs. Annette Kulmatycki. (Pride photo)



Photo Club-Front Row: Tonya Pride, Bob Miley. Row 2: Tiffanie Ried, Cindy Valenti. Row 3: Erica Smith, Mr. Richard Shearer.



Brush & Palette-Front Row: Bobby Miley. Row 2: Stephanie Lo, Dana Franklin, Cindy Valenti. Row 3: Mrs. Annette Kulmatycki, Linda Tuncay, Amy Garris, Tonya Pride.



DRAW-Front Row: Gus Crews, John Zack, Steve Rusnak. Row 2: Mr. Joe Koss, Tonya Pride, Joe Posavac.



Student Outreach-Front Row: Sara Covenington, Trinity Brindza, Melanie Peda, Erica Smith. Row 2: Josh Jordan, Quinton Shorter, Ariadna Fernandez, Mike Gomez, Justin Conway.



Saga Members Publish Students' Creativity

by Vicky Machin

"I like to read other people's work. I like to see how creative other people are," Rachel Williams, junior and head proofreader for *Saga*, explained. Reading other people's poetry and stories may seem like a bore to some, but to the members of *Saga*, reading other people's writing was the main event during tenth hour second semester.

Saga consisted of students who were proofreaders, typers, artists, designers and editors. Each section had their own job that they had to accomplish in order to finish the magazine. Students submitted their artwork, stories and

poems and all the staffers voted on which ones should be included and which ones should not. Next the typists typed the submission onto the IBM computers and it was passed on for the proofreaders to proof it. If corrections needed to be made, then they were made. Finally, the work was passed on to the students in charge of layout. These students would design the pages and fit the work submitted on them.

"I like being on layout because we all work closer than anyone else. We also have the final word on a lot," Mandy Spurrier, junior stated.

Tenth hour in room 153 was

not a regular class. Every student had their own responsibilities that they had to finish in order to complete the magazine.

"*Saga* is not as structured as a regular class and it is a lot easier and more fun. That's what I love about it," junior Melissa Harding said.

"I didn't realize that we would be so much on our own in class. I like the freedom, making the magazine in general and the creativity of it all. You get a new experience out of *Saga* and learn how to put a magazine together. This is good for me because I want to be an editor of a magazine when I graduate," Rachel said.

Saga was a place for the students to express their creativity. Many papers, however, did not get published for different reasons.

The Assistant Editor, sophomore Jamie Rhodus, looked for

how much the work was a good example of PHS when she voted on the different pieces that were submitted.

Melissa said, "I look for the uniqueness and the quality of writing when I vote on a piece of work."

"I think that the artwork this year is much better than the past. The poems and stuff in *Saga* are usually really good because we don't let the bad stuff get through," senior John Bridegroom said.

Many think that high school students could not be creative enough to be published, even in a school magazine. This was often proved wrong when *Saga* members read work and it was sold.

"People surprise you. You wouldn't expect the good quality of writing you'll get out of some people that submit work," Melissa said.

unions Mandy Spurrier and Plomer Barnes cut stories to fit them on to pages. *Saga* was sold for \$2 each at the end of the year. (Smith photo)

unior Jennifer McCoy shows senior John Bridegroom a poem submitted to *Saga*. *Saga* had workers for different parts of the magazine. (Smith photo)



Ms. Shirley Lindquest, Business Club sponsor, junior Brenda Humphries and senior Lori Uzelac discuss a problem in Business Club. The Business Club sponsored a needy family during Christmas this year and took trips into Chicago. (Smith photo)



Saga Front Row: Rachael Williams, June Spoa, Suzie George, Marcella Balboa, Jamie Rhodus. Row 2: Nicole Steffinelli, Erika Wadsworth, Jennifer Gaboian, Linda Tuncay, Amanda Galindo, Suzanne Slane. Row 3: Melissa Harding, Darrell Taylor, Plomer Barnes, David Clifford, John Bridegroom, Susan Smith.



Science Club-Front Row: Terry Balash, Ken Heyse, Joe Hicks.



Math Club-Front Row: Kristine Kish, Jennifer Kelly, Julie Applehagen, Amy Bell, Eric Ramos. Row 2: Lana McCall, Jennifer Johns, Jawad Javed, Suzanne Slane, Mark Narrod, Mr. Joe Sparacino.



Business Club-Front Row: Susanna Perez, Katherine Uzelac, Amy Stanley, Mrs. Shirley Lindquest. Row 2: Stacey Johnston, Brenda Humphries, Rebecca Hess.



Literature Club—Front Row: Eric Knowles, Steven Labus, Carie Varner, Kristie Hill. Row 2: Vicky Machin, Tiffanie Reid, Earl Clay. Row 3: Thomas Baldrige, Mr. Jason Cope, John Bridegroom, James Piatek.



Life Skills—Front Row: Mrs. Julie Goetz, JoAnne Scott, Mercedes Greene, Teresa York, Virginia Tillman. Row 2: Leslie Sullivan, Jaime Corbett, Kristi Evans, Kimberlie Scholebo. Row 3: Kristen Baker, Elizabeth Silva, Jodie Weiser, Tanya Dillard.



Ski Club—Front Row: Chris Moseley, Jason Bono, Tim Senovic, Danny Schultz. Row 2: Jon Gonzalez, Brian Ringer, Jason Pickering, Roger Worak. Row 3: Jason Price, Jeremy Chinn, Mike Schoonover, Bob Cunningham, Mrs. Paula Wiese.



Prayer Group—Front Row: Mrs. Bonnie Albert, Jessica DelPriore, Kendra Miller, Jennifer Cuvo, Jenna Mitchell. Row 2: Bruce Savage, Daren Longmore, Emily Smith, Ed Dore.

Junior Mickie Jenkins and Mr. Jason Cope, sponsor, discuss *Lord of the Rings*, which they finished watching at a meeting for Lit Club. (Pride photo)

The prayer group stands holding hands to pray. The prayer group was started this year for students who wanted to pray in the morning. (Pride photo)



Ben Brackji, junior, studies his Bible and Devotional Book during the Prayer Group hour before school. The Prayer Group, sponsored by Mrs. Bonnie Albert, met in the mornings to pray together before they started a long day of school. (Pride photo)



One Club Caters to a Variety of Interests

by Vicky Machin

No matter what the interest, there was a club that kept students interested and gave them something fun to do after school. The Literature Club is one of these obscure clubs that interested many students that liked to read and watch movies. If that wasn't pleasing enough, the Lit Club started two other clubs, the Medieval Club and the Role-playing Club.

"We started the Lit Club last year so students could study all types of literature that isn't on the

school curriculum," Mr. Jason Cope explained. "Now, however, the Lit Club started to watch more movies because people aren't interested in reading the books and students don't always have enough time to read books other than ones required for class. I'm not happy with what has become of the Lit Club, but I'm glad that it still exists."

"I joined the Lit Club because I like to read and I wanted to discuss books outside of just the classics that we have to read in school," senior Rosemary

Jefimenko said.

The club read books or watched movies and then discussed them afterward. Discussing the books helped many people understand the book or movie better.

"I like looking deeper into the books and it's meanings," junior Mickie Jenkins said.

"I enjoy hearing other people's thoughts on books and movies," junior Carrie Varner explained.

Junior Kristie Hill said, "The more you read and discuss books the more you learn and expand on your vocabulary."

From the Lit Club developed the Medieval Club and the Role-playing Club. During the summer the Medieval Club went to the Renaissance Fair in Bristol, Wisconsin.

"When we (Lit Club) went to

the Renaissance Fair we decided that since everyone in Lit Club was so interested in the Dark Ages we could create the Medieval Club," Mr. Cope explained.

Instead of the regular board of president, vice-president and secretary, there was instead the king or queen, prince or princess, tax collector and scroll. This was created to add some feeling of the Dark Ages in the club.

The Role-playing Club was founded because the members of the Lit Club also realized that most of the members were interested in role-playing. The members met at different houses to play for the day.

"In the Lit Club I get to make new friends and read good books all in one," Steven Labus, senior, explained.

peeking at the
heart of success

Activated Ambitions

By Kristine Rea

Uncovering the pride of such a diversified student body as that within PHS is often a difficult task; fortunately, one doesn't need to dig far to experience the respect pupils feel for their school and themselves.

Our school's proud tradition, striving to be the biggest and the best, was not lessened this year. By creating several new clubs,

by spreading knowledge to youth through STOP/SADD, by sponsoring the largest blood drive to be conducted in a Northwest Indiana Area high school, and by excelling on both academic and athletic playing fields, PHS proved its strength of heart.

Students revealed many inner thoughts as well, exposing hidden intellectual ideas. Debates among the

classes ranged from the ethical dilemma of Anita Hill and Judge Thomas and the racial problems proposed in the Mike Tyson scandal to the traditional values debate exposed by up and coming presidential elections.

No matter what PHS students were up to, one can be certain most carried forth in a manner of pride for the school that made it all possible.

During the college mini fair held on Sept. 25 at 4 p.m., senior Betsy Blaha and juniors Joe Taylor and Scott Drake converge on the Notre Dame information table.

Freshmen Holly Foreman and Heather Gaines diligently compose their sophomore schedules. During the English classes counselors met with their respective students to give them guidance as to class decisions and to notify them of new class opportunities.





At a Glance

Although the other three classes are of mediocre or even slightly smaller sizes, the freshmen class is at a high of 727 enrolled students.

Several teachers, including Mr. Sherrif, Mr. Falyer and Mr. Murphy, will be retiring this summer after long years of service. Whether or not replacements will be hired is determined by budget size and student class enrollment.

Portage Township Schools employs approximately 1000 people on a regular basis. Employees may work at one of the 13 schools as one of the 425 teachers, or in administration or service positions. There are approximately 200 substitutes also employed each month.



Romance was everywhere during the Feb. 13 Valentines Dance. Sophomores Stephanie Snoder and Cruq Rosales share a moment talking during this special evening.

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Active Seniors Deal With Stress

by Heather Lorange

As the saying goes: Life is what you make of it. The same applies to school. For some students, school is a mandatory part of their life; they go because they have to, stay there for as long as necessary to get their credits, and then race out the door to see who can be first out of the parking lot. However, there is that rare breed of kids who take advantage of the opportunities PHS has to offer and actually make it the main part of their lives. For these students, school can actually be entertaining as well as educational.

There are many types of after school activities such as sports, clubs and dances to be a part of. Many of these activities take hours of work and dedication. Each sport practices two to three hours a day, games can even last longer. Many activities practice on

weekends and vacations. Senior Angie McLean practices Monday - Saturday for swimming. She says the reason she got involved and stays involved is, "for the exercise and for the leadership." She said it also helps with her attitude and self-confidence. Angie added, "I feel that all athletes are under more stress than an average student. The only way to cope with it is to sacrifice all your time to school and your sport. You have to have self-discipline."

Heather Smith, president of the senior class, said activities help her both physically and mentally. She said it's worth it "because it pushes me to get my stuff done. Why sit around and be lazy? Extracurriculars have been a big part of my high school years and have taught me a lot, especially how to work with people."



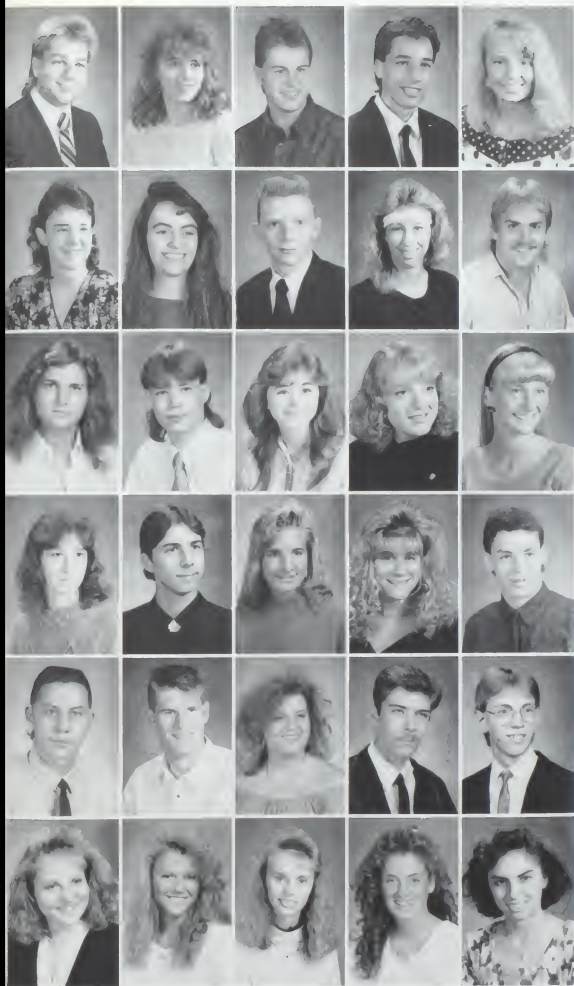
Senior Greta Rondinelli (Treasurer) invites Student Council members to watch the Fall Play, while President, Ronnie Stanley, looks on. (Pride Photo)

John Adamski: Intramurals 3,4; Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Symphonic Band 3; Cross Country 3; Track 2; Marching Indians 2.
Tina Addison.
Stacey Adler.
Wendy Aitken: Office Asst. 1,2,3; Tennis 3.
John Allison.

Jason Alzman: Intramurals 3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 3,4; Concert Orchestra 2; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 3,4; Baseball 2,4.
Amy Archer.
Angela Arnold: Teacher Asst. 1,2.
Brian Austin: Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 2; Pep Band 1,2; Symphonic Band 4.
Shannon Autry.

Mike Avery.
Ramon Ayala.
Ryan Babjak.
Larry Baker: Cross Country 1,2,3; Track 1,2.
Blanca Barajas.





Mike Barker: Academic Letter 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; FLHS 3; Math Club 2; Speech and Debate 2,3,4; Golf 2,4; Spell Bowl 1.

April Barnard: French Club 3,4.

Tim Bayer: Latin Club 3,4; Freshman Band 1; Pep Band 1; Solo & Ensemble 1.

Chad Beatty: Chinese Club 3,4; COIL 4; Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Cross Country 4; Track 3,4.

Debbie Beddome: Pep Club 2,3,4; Pom Pons 3,4.

Amy Bell: Academic Letter 3,4; COIL 4; FLHS 2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Math Club 2(Sec. / Treas.), 3(Vice Pres.), 4(Pres.); NHS 3, 4(Vice Pres.); Softball 1.

Susan Bendt.

Timothy Bennett.

Angela Bernier.

Jack Berry.

Jason Berry.

Jim Bigham.

Abby Blackburn.

Betsy Blaha: Academic Letter 3,4; COIL 4; French Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 1,3,4; Chamber Orchestra 2; NHS 4(Sec.); Concert Orchestra 1; Phi Orchestra 2,3,4; String Ensemble 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Student Council Hon. Member 1,2,4; Science Club 2,4.

Renee Bliss.

Tracey Bond.

John Bridgrom.

Trinity Brinda: Cheerleader 1,2; SADD/STOP 1,2(Tres.), 3(Tres.), 4; Pep Club 1,2; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; Speech and Debate 3,4; Student Council Hon. Member 1,2; Class Rep. 3; Sec. 4; SCAT 4; Student Outreach 4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4.

Marci Broman: Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; SADD/STOP 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Photo Club 1,2,3,4.

Mike Brosky.

Cory Brown.

Jason Bruzek: Intramurals 3; Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2; Pep Band 1,2.

Jennifer Bunk: Intramurals 2; Spanish Club 1,2; Peer Tutor 3,4.

Roger Butterfield.

Brad Cain: FCA 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Concert Band 2; Jazz Band 1; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Girls Swim Mgr. 3,4; Freshman Band 1.

Julie Calamaris.

Terri Campbell: Teacher Asst. 3.

Christy Canfield: Teacher Asst. 1.

Dawn Canzano: Cheerleader 4; Pep Club 2,3,4(Sec.); Pom Pons 2,3; Thespians 3,4.

Melissa Cardenas: COIL 4; Girls Basketball Mgr. 2,3.

Juan Cardona.

Joe Carrasco: Intramurals 4; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 1; Concert Band 2.
Stacy Carillo.
Jennifer Cash: Teach. Asst. 3.
Arthur Casillas.

April Cavalier.

Brian Chadwick: Acad. Letter 3, 4; French Club 3; Orch. Winds 2, 4; Latin Club 1; Freshman Band 1; Math Club 2; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Marching Indians 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1.

Christopher Chelich.

Julia S. Chitwood: French Club 3, 4; Speech and Debate 4; Thespians 4; Symphonic Choir 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3.

Niclette Ciciara: Track 1.

John C. Clasen, Jr.: Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Mr. Football 4.
Christine Clendaniel: JROTC Color Guard 1, 2; Drill Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2, 3, 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Freshman Chorus 1; Concert Choir 2.

Chad Cole.

Carri Collins: Teacher Asst. 1, 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 1, 2; Concert Orchestra 2; Marching Indians 1, 2; Pep Band 1, 2; Solo & Ensemble 1; Basketball 1; Softball 3, 4.

Brian P. Connel: Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3.

Sheri Conrick: Acad. Let. 3, 4; COIL 4; Teach. Asst. 1, 2, 3, 4; World Affs. 3; Legend 2, 3, 4 (Asst. Ed.); NHS 3, 4 (Treas.); Quill/Scroll 2, 3 (Sec.); 4 (Pres.); Tennis 2; Sdt. Council 1, 2, 3 (Hon. Mem.); 4 (Class. Rep.); Acad. Super Bowl 4; HOBY 2; Sdt. Cred. Un. 3, 4.

Tammie Cosich.

Sara Covington.
Andredriel Cradle: Acad. Let. 4; Acad. Dec. 4; Teach. Asst. 4; NHS 3, 4; Speech & Debate 4; Sdt. Coun. 4 (Hon. Mem.).

Gus Crews: Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; DRAW 3, 4.

Mark Croell: Acad. Letter 4; COIL 4; NHS 4; Basketball 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4 (Captain); Track 1, 2, 4.

Michael Cronch.

Kimberly JoAnna Crosslin: COIL 4; French Club; Girls' State Alternate 3; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Photo Staff 3, 4; Teach. Asst. 3, 4; Legend 2, 3, 4; Pow Wow 4; Quill & Scroll 3, 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4 (co-captain).

Karen Cubbison.

Teresa Cunningham: Concert Choir 2; Symphonic Choir 3, 4.

Debra Curry.

Jennifer Cuvv: Freshman Chorus 1; Concert Choir 2; Symphonic Choir 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 4; Peer Tutor 3, 4.

Tammy Dagby: Acad. Letter 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 3 (Pres.); Teacher Asst. 4; Chamber Orch. 2, 3, 4; Concert Orch. 1; Pit Orch. 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Orch. 2, 3, 4; Swimming 3, 4; Tennis 3.

William Dalton.

Michelle Damjanoski.



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Graduation Fears Overwhelming

by Heather Lorange

Graduation is one of the most special moments in most student's lives; however, it can also be one of the scariest. Kids finally have to decide exactly what they're going to do with the rest of their life. Anxieties of graduation come in all different forms. Some kids fear that the marriage they're heading into may not be the right decision, others fear they made the wrong choice for college. Some worry how they'll be able to pay for it or that they'll fail their first year. Seniors were asked what their biggest fear about graduation was and there were a wide variety of answers.

"Not finding enough things to occupy my time."

—Kayce Perkins

"Not being able to come back next year."

—Amanda Planas

"My biggest fear would probably be losing contact with my friends after we leave for college."

—Tim Simstad

"That I will go to college, graduate and have to live in a box because I can't get a job."

—Erika Wadsworth

"Tripping when I go up to get my diploma."

—Lisa Stoehr

"Not knowing what's ahead."

—Jim Knight



Kimberly Daniel: French Club 1; German Club 2,3,4; Concert Orch. 1,2; Symphonic Orch. 3.

Jim De Boer.

Eva DeJesus: Spanish Club 3,4; Teach. Asst. 3.

Angela DeJohn.

Jessica Del Priore: Teach. Asst. 3,4; Concert Choir 2; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Peer Tutor 3,4.

James Demmon.

Marcia Dettlerline: Orch. Winds 2; Freshman Band 1; Concert Band 2; Concert Orch. 1; Marching Indians 1,2,3; Pep Band 1; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orch. 2,3,4.

Christopher DeVries.

Karey Deyarmin.

Mike Dilag: Teach. Asst. 1.

Tanya Dillard: Spanish Club 2; Life Skills 3,4; Literary Group 4.

Liz Dover: Teach. Asst. 4.

Adam Dozier.

Dusti Duffee: French Club 2,3; Choralities 2; Pep Club 2,3,4; Pom Poms 2,4; Thespians 4; Freshman Chorus 1; Swimming 1,2,3.

Scott Dujmovich.

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College: Major Decision for Many

by Heather Lorange

One of the most life changing decisions any senior has to make is whether or not to go to college. Every year, more and more seniors further their education in some form or other. After the decision to attend college has been made, students must choose which one. Each senior picked his or her school for various reasons such as money, location and size.

"Indiana University, for it's Business School's reputation and affordability."

—Darrell Taylor

"Wabash College, because I agree with their philosophy of teaching which places more emphasis on understanding than memorization. It should be a drastic change

from PHS."

"Trinity Bible College in North Dakota because it's a Christian college with a strong academic curriculum."

—John Adamski

—Jenna Mitchell

"Ball State University, because it's a teacher's school, and I'd like to go into education. It has all the qualities in a college I need."

—Ronnie Stanley

"Indiana University, because they have a good optometry program and because I am a fan of IU basketball."

—JR Casillas



The College Fair was a great opportunity to learn about many different schools. Senior Chet Myers and his dad Mr. Bob Myers took advantage of the fair by talking to the representative from Rose Hulman.

Laura Dunlop: French Club 1,2(Vice Pres.), 3(Vice-Pres.), 4(Vice-Pres.); Tennis 3,4.
Anthony Duron: Spanish Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 3,4.
Michael Duron.
Jim Eagen II: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2; Track 2,3.
Ronnie Eckman.

Heath Eisner: German 1.
John Epley: Brush & Palette 2,3; JROTC Color Guard 1,2; Drill Team 1,2; Physical Fitness 1,2; Teacher Asst. 2,3.
Juliana Erdei: FLHS 3,4; SADD 1; Teacher Asst. 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4.
Gloria Escabalzeta: Academic Letter 4; COIL 4; NHS 4; Student Council Hon. Mem. 1; Mat Maid 2,3; Business Club 4; Spell Bowl 4; Office Asst. 1,3,4.
Steve Essany: Symphonic Choir 1,2,3.

Jennifer Evanz.
Robert Farr.
Ariadna Fernandez: COIL 4.
Debra Fessler.
Daniel Fetrow, Jr.





Edward D. Fidler: Intramurals 1,2,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Math Club 2,4.
 Joshua Luis Fields V.
 Bob Findley: Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Chamber Orch. 2,3; Pit Orchestra 2,3; Symphonic Orch. 1,2,3,4.
 Jason Fischer.
 Dennis Flanagan: Football 1,3,4; Track 2,3,4.

David Flowers.
 Shannon Foley.
 Colleen Fosburgh.
 James Foster.
 Andy Fowler: Intramurals 1,2; Baseball 10(Mgr.).

John Frederick.
 Jennifer Frencl.
 Cherie Gagna.
 Michell Lynn Gallagher: FCA 2, Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; SADD 2; Teacher Asst. 2,4; Concert Chorus 4; Student Council Hon. Mem. 2; Volleyball 4(Stat.).
 Niki Garavalia: Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; COIL 4; Winter Homecoming Court 3,4; Fall Homecoming Court 3; SADD/STOP 2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; Student Council 1(Class Rep.), 2(Vice-Pres.), 3(Vice-Pres.), 4(Vice-Pres.).

Amy Garris: Brush & Palette 3(Sec.), 4(Treas.); Teacher Asst. 1,3,4; Speech & Debate 2,4.
 Stacie Gaskin.
 Jenna Gatewood.
 Billy Gilbert.
 Dan Gillis: Teacher Asst. 4.

Kevin Glenn.
 Jon Gonzalez: Academic Dec. 4; FCA 4; Teacher Asst. 3; Football 1,2; Student Council Hon. Mem. 3,4.
 Brian Gorgei.
 Brenda Gottlieb: Spanish Club 4; SADD/STOP 4; Teacher Asst. 4.
 LaVonda Gottlieb: SADD/STOP 4.

Sarah A. Greider: Media Asst. 4.
 Heather Griffith: Spanish Club 1; Orch. Winds 3; Legend 3,4; Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Symphonic Band 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,4.
 Peggy Griffith.
 Scott Griffith: Latin Club 3,4.
 Amy Gruchalski: COIL 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Legend 2; Freshman Band 1; Prom Comm. 3.

Marie Gable: German Club 3;
Dennis Guernsey: Intramurals 3,4;
Football 1; Wrestling 1,2,4.
Joe Guerre: Academic Letter 3,4; COIL
4; SADD/STOP 3,4; NHS 3,4; Basket-
ball 1; Football 1,2; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Ten-
nis 3,4.
Rosendo M. Guerrero: COIL 4;
Intramurals 4; SADD/STOP 4; Lifter
4; Speech & Debate 4; Football 1,2;
Student Council Hon. Mem. 3; Class
Rep. 4.
Laura Guillen.
Melinda Gum: Brush & Palette 1; Life
Skills 3,4.
Dawn Haddon.
Mary Haddox.
Christy Haines.
Brian Halaschak.

Marie Hale.
Deanna Hall: SADD/STOP 1,2,3; Lab
Band 3.
Julie Ham.
Ted Harninac: Intramurals 2,4; Cham-
ber Orch. 2,3; Concert Orch. 1; Pip Orch.
2; String Ensemble 1,2,3; Symph. Orch.
2,3; Solo & Ensemble 2,3; Golf 2,3,4.
Stacey Hardin: SADD/STOP 2,3;
Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4.

Chris Haskell: Fall Homecoming Ct.
4; SADD/STOP 3,4; Prom Court 3; Bas-
ketball 1,2,3,4.
Jeff Hassen: Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football
1,2,3.
Daneen Hatch.
Angela Hatfield.
Matthew Hendershot.

Dan Henk.
Derek Herrold: French Club 1; Teacher
Asst. 1,2,3; Cross Country 1; Diving 2;
Tennis 2,3,4.
Jennifer Herron: Spanish Club 1;
Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Concert Orch.
1,2; Track 1,4.
Deborah Hill.
Rebecca Hill: Teacher Asst. 3.

Karrie Hilzley.
Melissa Hilzley: Teacher Asst. 2,3,4;
Swimming 2,3,4 (Captain).
Laurie C. Hinkley: Teacher Asst.
1,2,4; Concert Band 1,2; Marching In-
dians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 4; Symph. Band
3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,4; Orch. Winds
2,3,4.
Charles Hinson: Office Asst. 1,2.
Sean Holland.



Class of '92

Seniors Long to be Remembered



Senior Derek Herrold would like to be remembered by his peers as a hard working individual and an outstanding tennis player. He played varsity tennis his junior and senior years.

by Heather Lorange

Every student will have their own vivid memories of high school. They may be of their best friend, their first love or their worst enemy; each will be precious. However, the tables can also be turned. When asked how they would like to be remembered by their peers, seniors had some different responses.

"By my unique style."

Katherine Lehecky

"By the three b's-my baseball, brains and body."

Brian Connell

"By my friendliness towards people."

Jennifer Cuvo

"I don't care who remembers me, I'm out of here!"

Amey Mongaraz

"For my winning sense of humor."

Jason Mead

"A good friend and not conceited."

Heather Rogers

"A positive attitude."

Michelle Odom

"I don't know, I don't know, I just don't know."

Ed Teffeau

"Someone who cares."

Darren Schmidt



Lisa Hoover.

Melanie Hostetler: Brush & Palette.
Chris Howell: Teacher Asst. 2; Orch.
Winds 2,3; Concert Band 1,2,3; Jazz
Band 2; Symph. Band 4; Baseball 2,4;
Peer Tutor 4.
Sharon Hoyne.
Bill Hrdina: Boys' State 3; Chinese
Club 4; Spanish Club 1; Speech &
Debate 1,2,3(Pres.); Theatricals
1,3,4; Tennis 3; Student Ct. 2,3,4.

Brian Huber.

Christine Huey: French Club 1,2;
Teacher Asst. 4; Concert Band 1,2;
Concert Orch. 1,2; Marching Indi-
ans 1,2; Pep Band 1; Solo & Ensemble
1,2.
Laura Hull: SADD/STOP 2,3,4; At-
tendance Asst. 2,3,4.
Billie Humphries.
Matthew Imes.

Sam Ivey: Intramurals 1; Football 1.
Anthony R. Janik.

Kelly Jannasch: Acad. Letter 4;
Teacher Asst. 1,2,3; NHS 4; Tennis
1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4.
Tera Jarosak: Indianettes 1,2;
Teacher Asst. 1,2,3.
Jawad Javed: Acad. Letter 3,4; Boys'
State 3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Concert
Chorus 1; Latin Club 1,2,3; Choraliers
1,2,3(Sec.); 4(Pres.); NHS 3,4; Speech
& Deb. 2,3,4; Theatricals 1,2,3,4; (Vice
Pres.) Fresh. Chorus 1; Symph. Choir
2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.

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Seniors Nominate Most Likelies

Seniors were asked during their government and Econ class to nominate their fellow classmates for "Senior Mosts." Below are the results of this survey.

Most Influential Teacher

Mr. Tom Sanidas Mrs. Shirley Speilman

Dreamiest Eyes

Mike Tosh LeeAnne Shukiiti

Best Hair

Debra Fessler Juan Cardona

Most Likely to be in Politics

Jawad Javed Heather Smith.

Most Athletic

Walter Sandoval Kassey Reynolds

Most Wanted to Date

Dave Saviola, Erik Scheier, Walter Sandoval
Niki Garvalia

Best Fashion Sense

Nikki Scarborough Dennis Guernsey

Most Likely to Appear in Headlines

Julie Witka Josh Fields

Most Enthusiastic

Heather Smith Ronnie Stanley

Most Accomplished

Erik Scheier Julie Witka

Sexiest

Dennis Guernsey Debra Fessler

Best Legs

Walter Sandoval Marissa Krenkel

Most Likely to be Married First/

Best Couple
Jodi Wahlman Chad Szabo

Craziest

Mike Mead Toni Fleck

Best Personality

Ronnie Stanley Heather Lorange.

Most Likely to Succeed

Jawad Javed Julie Witka

Most Changed

Vicky Sims Josh Fields

Rosemary Jefimenko: Brush & Palette 3; German Club 1,2,3(Treas.); 4(Pres.); Photo Club 3,4; Concert Orchestra 2,3.

Mathew Johnson.

Melanie Johnson: Winter Homecoming Court 4; Teacher Asst. 3.

Melissa Johnson.

Marissa Jones: Quill & Scroll 4; Student Council Hon. Mem. 2,3; Photo Club 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3; Teacher Asst. 4; Photo Staff 3,4; DRAW 2,3.

Josh Jordan: Spanish Club 3; SADD/STOP 3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Drum Major 4; Orch. Winds 1,2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Thespians 1,2,3,4; March Ind. 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Symp. Band 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,4; Track 2,4; Stud. Out. 3,4.

Mark Joseph.

Jeremy Jovanovic.

David Joyce.

Jeff Juszcak: Chin. Club 3,4; French Club 1,2,3(Treas.); 4(Treas.); Speech & Deb. 2; Concert Orch. 1; Pit Orch. 2,3,4; String Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Symp. Orch. 2,3,4.

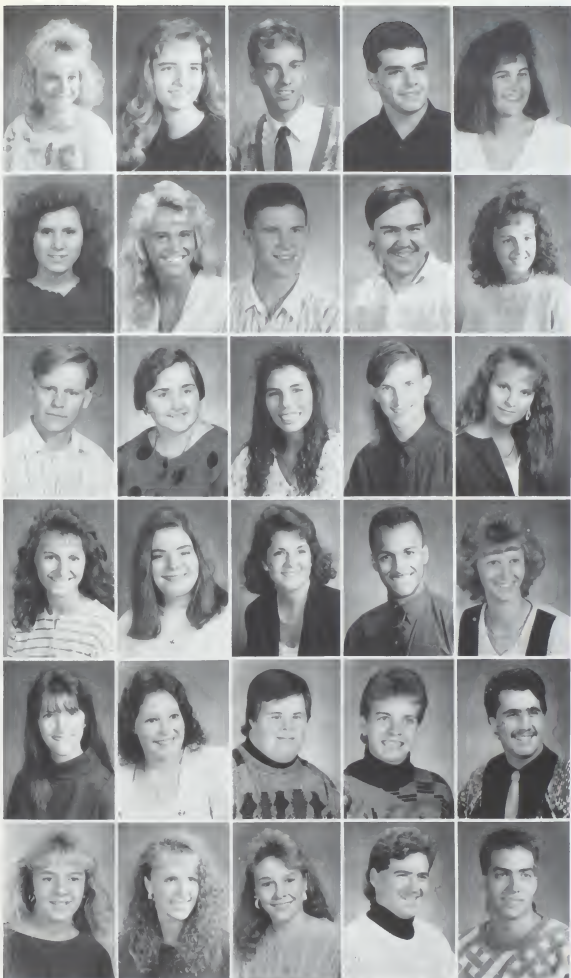
Mike Kalina: Choir 3,4; Concert Choir 1; Symp. Choir 2,3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2. Chad Matthew Kestner: COIL 4; FCA 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; SADD/STOP 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4(co-capt). Tennis 1,2,3,4.

Mary Ann Kilgore: Concert Orch. 1,2; Symp. Orch. 3,4; Basketball 1; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3,4.

Jeffrey A. Kimbrough: French Club 1; Intramurals 2,3,4; Lifter 4; Speech & Deb. 4; Football 1; Stud. Coun. Rep. 4.

Park Kingery.





Lesley Kirk.
Christine Kish: Academic Letter 3,4; COIL
4; Spanish Club 2; Teach. Asst. 1,3,4; NHS
Club 2,3,4; NHS 4; Speech & Deb.
2,3,4(Pres.); Saga 3,4.
Jason Knapp: German Club 4; Intramurals
4.
Jim Knight: Football 2,3,4.
Vanessa Koski.

Carrie Kovats.
Marisa Krenkel: Academic Letter 3,4; FCA
1,2,3,4; FLHS 3,4; Teach. Asst. 2,3,4; NHS
3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Cross Country 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Stud. Coun.
Hon. Mem. 1,2; Class Rep. 4; Track 1,2,3,4.
David Kubiak.
Steve Labus: Lit. Club 3,4.
Sirrena Lagneau.

Josh Lambert.
Stacey Lance.
Sarah Latham.
Ben Lauper: Con. Orch. 1,2; String Ensem.
2,3; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3.
Tanisha Lee.

Tamara Lehman: Intramurals 1,2; Teach.
Asst. 3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Poms 3,4; Con.
Orch. 1,2; Solo & Ensem. 1,2; Tennis 3,4.
Melissa Lyn Lemond: Acad. Letter 3,4;
COIL 4; German Club 1,2; Teach. Asst. 3,
NHS 3,4; **Pow Wow** 1,2,3,4; Fresh. Chorus
1; Quill & Scroll 3,4(Sec.); Solo & Ensem. 1;
Golf 1; Stud. Coun. Hon. Mem. 2.
Kin Lenburg: Office Asst. 4.
Roberto Leon: Boys' St. 3; Intramurals 4;
JROTC Color Gd. 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4
Phys. Fit. 1,2,3,4; Rifle Team 3,4; Teach.
Asst. 3; Cross Country 3; Dive 1; Football
1.
Amy Lewandowski.

Carrie Lewis.
Angie Lijja: JROTC 1,2,3,4.
Dale Lindstrom.
Michael Lindstrom: Teach. Asst. 2,3,4.
Thomas Little: Teach. Asst. 3,4; Swim-
ming 1,2,3,4; Football 1.

Heather Ann Loran: Spanish Club 1,2;
SADD/STOP 4(Sec.); Latin Club 3,4(Pres.);
Legend 2,3,4(Asst. Editor); Quill & Scroll
2,3,4(Treas.); Swimming 1,2; Youth Gov't
Day 4.
Jennifer Lothian.
Jennifer Lowe.
Michael Lowe: Drill Team 1,2.
Christopher Lynch.

Jennifer Mallonee.

Jeremy Mann: Symph. Band 1.2;
Michael Mann: German Club 1;
Teacher Asst. 4.
Sheri Manske: Academic Letter 3;
Teach Asst. 3.4.
Natalie Markovich.

Ken Marrs: Teach. Asst. 2,3; Football 1; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

Melanie Manders: Orch. Winds 2,3,4;
Choraliers 1,2,4; Jazz Band 4; March Ind. 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Symph. Band 2,3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3,4.

Carrie Martin: Acad. Letter 3,4; COIL 4; German Club 1,2; SADD/STOP 4; Theops. 1,2,3,4; Choraliers 2,3,4; Solo & Ensem. 2; Stud. Ct. 2,3,4.

Tara Martin: Prom Comm. 3; Stud. Coun. Hon. Mem. 4.

Irene Martinez: Intramurals 1; Spanish Club 1,2(Sec.); Stud. Coun. Hon. Mem. 4.

Jeremy Mathis: Track 1; Football 1,2,3,4.**Melissa Mathews.****Timothy Mattix.**

Angie McLean: Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4; Con. Orch. 1; Pitt Orch. 1,2,3,4; Symph. 2,3,4; Solo & Ensem. 2,3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4.

Michelle McConnell: Acad. Letter 3; Brush & Palette 1; French Club 2; Teach. Asst. 3; Swimming 3.

Eric McCorkle: Acad. Letter 3,4; FLHS 3; FCA 3,4; Intramurals 2,3; SADD/STOP 4(Vice Pres.); Teach. Asst. 3,4; NHS 4; Basketball 1,2,4; Stud. Coun. Hon. Mem. 4; Track 3,4.

Shannon McGriffin: Intramurals 3,4; SADD/STOP 4; Teach. Asst. 2,3,4.

Amanda McKeown.

David McLain: Art Block 3,4.
Jason Mead: FCA 1; FLHS 3,4; French Club 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Teach. Asst. 4; Freshman Band 1; Solo & Ensem. 1.

Mike Mead.

Jeff Medley: Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Wrestling 1,2.

Michelle Mendez: Spanish Club 2; Basketball 1.

Doug Meyne: Acad. Letter 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.

Gretchen Miestowski: Indianettes 2; Intramurals 1,2; Spanish Club 1; SADD/STOP 1; Pep Club 2,3; Pom Poms 3; Swimming 1; Tennis 2.

Ginger Mikulich.

Edward Miller: Intramurals 2,3,4; Basketball 1; Tennis 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3.

Garth W. Miller: Orch. Winds 2,3,4; Choraliers 3,4; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; March Ind. 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Symph. Band 2,3,4; Swimming 2.

Julie Mills.

Scott Milteer: French Club 2; Intramurals 1; Basketball 1; Golf 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2.



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Valuable Lessons Learned in School



By Heather Lorance

Throughout high school students learn a variety of lessons. Some they will remember forever, others they will try to forget as soon as possible. Seniors had some different responses when asked what the most valuable lesson they learned from high school was.

"Save all your non-exempts for nice weather."

—Darrell Taylor

"Make sure you have all your credits so you can graduate mid-term if you want."

—Jeremy Mathis

"Stay in school—don't lose credit."

—Randi Zebley

"Don't get too tense about everything—it'll all work out."

—Chris DeVries

"Never take things too seriously, have fun while you can."

—Kelly Jannasch

"Be yourself, have fun with your friends while you can."

—Vanessa Koski

"Never limit yourself to just one thing, if you do, you won't learn anything."

—Trinity Brindza

"Get involved while you can before it's too late."

—Brad Cain

Many seniors felt getting involved was the most valuable lesson they learned in school. Senior Class President Heather Smith, was involved in numerous activities, for example, giving a speech at mid-term graduation.



Christine Minick: FCA 2,3,4; SADD/STOP 4; Prom Comm. 3; Basketball 1; Cross Country 1,3; Tennis 3; Stud. Coun. Hon. Mem. 2,3,4; Richard Miotke: Acad. Letter 3,4; Intramurals 4; NHS; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; SADD/STOP 4; Donna Mitchell: Intramurals 2,3,4; Jenna Mitchell.

Tammy Mitchell: Intramurals 2; Con. Orch. 1,2; Pit Orch. 3,4; String Ensem. 2,3; Symph. Orch. 3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3,4.

Angela Mocabee.

Tamar Modester: Cheer., Softball 1,2; FCA 4; Pep Club 1,2,4; Prom Comm. 3; Gymnastics 2,3,4; Stud. Coun. Poms 4; Track 3,4.

Pamela Moise: NHS 3,4; Con. Band 4; Fr. Band 1; March. Peps. 1,2,3,4; String Ensem. 1,2,3,4; Symph. Band, Tennis 2,3; Symph., Pit. Cham. Orch., Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3,4.

Amy Mongaraz.

Heather Moore: Span. Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4 (Treas.); Con. Orch. Solo & Ensem., 1,2,3; Poms 2,3,4 (Capt.).

Mike Moyer.

Mike Muir.

Jay Mullins.

Brian Murphy.

Chester Myers.

Karen Napalowski.

Heather Neeley.

Doug Nelson: Intramurals 1,2; Spanish Club 1; Teach. Asst. 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1.

Brian Newlin: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,4.

Ken Nickos: Concert Orch. 1; Pitt Orch. 2; Symph. Orch. 2,3,4; Basketball Manager 1,2,3,4.

Bruce Niloff: French Club 1; Intramurals 2,3,4; SADD/STOP 1; Teach. Asst. 1,3; Pep Club 1,2; Baseball 3; Wrestling 4; Peer Tutor 3.

Tracy Noffsinger: Concert Choir 1; Freshman Chorus 1; Solo & Ensem. 1.

Jason Nohr: Acad. Letter 3,4; German Club 3,4; Orch. Winds 2,3,4; Con. Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; March. Ind. 1,2,3,4; Symph. Band 4.

Angela Norman: Con. Orch. 1,2; String Ensem. 2; Symph. Orch. 3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3,4.

Chad Norman.

Mark Norrdo: Acad. Letter 3,4; Spanish Club 2; Math Club 2,3,4; Photo Club 2,3.

Michelle Odom.

Jessie O'Dor: SADD/STOP 2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Math Club 1,2,3,4; FCA 1.

Christina Olson.

Tonya Orange.

Robyn Ormes.

Antoinette Ortiz.

Jodie Ozbolt: Winter Homecoming Ct. 3; Teach. Asst. 3; Prom Comm. 3; Stud. Coun. Class Rep. 1,2; Hon. Mem. 3,4.

Jeremy Palmer.

Tammy Parks.

Melissa Parlock.

Viren Patel: Acad. Letter 3,4; Teach. Asst. 3,4; Latin Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Jami Patterson.

John Paviadakis.

Melanie Peda: Cheerleader 1,2,4; Spanish Club 1; SADD/STOP 1,2,3,4; Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Pep Club 1,2,4; Prom Comm. 3; Student Coun. Class Rep. 1,2,3; Class Sec. 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4(Capt.).

Renee Pence: Math Club 1.

Charmaine Perez.

Susana M. Perez: Spanish Club 1,2; (Treas.), 3(Vice Pres.); Teach. Asst. 1; Stud. Coun. Class Rep. 4; Business Club 4(Sec.).

Toby Perez.

Kayce Perkins.



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Seniors Offer Words of Wisdom



Senior Ro Guerrero spent his year involved in Student Council, lifting and leadership class. He encourages underclassmen to take advantage of these opportunities in order to learn leadership skills and meet new people.

by Heather Lorange

After four years of high school, most seniors have developed a great deal of wisdom about it. They would like to share their knowledge by offering some advice to future seniors.

"Try not to lose all your credits."

—Jodie Weiser

"Take advantage of opportunities because the year goes by fast."

—Lavonda Gottlieb

"To be as responsible as possible and make sure you hit all your application deadlines for college."

—Vince Walker

"Save all your non-exempts and use them wisely."

—Julie Erdei

"Don't mess with anyone else's girlfriend."

—Jason Fischer

"Just do all your work so you can get out of here."

—James Wirick

"To achieve all your goals."

—Tara Martin

"The time seems long but the year is actually short, so take advantage of it."

—Andredriel Cradle



Jennifer Pete: FLHS 2,3,4; Teach. Asst. 4; News Bureau 2; Saga 4.
Melinda Petretta: Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4.
Erin Phillips: Chin. Club 3,4; SADD/STOP 3,4; Teach. Asst. 4; Cham., Pit Orch. 3,4; Con. Orch. 1; String Ensem. 2,3,4; Symp. Orch. 2,3,4; Golf 4.
Heather Pike: Teach. Asst. 3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Ct. 3; Fall Homecoming Ct. 4.
Shelly Pittman: Teach. Asst. 2,3; Con. Orch. 1,2,3; Solo & Ense. 1,2.

Amanda Planas.
Eric Popp.
Amy Powers: FCA 2,3,4; Spanish Club 4; SADD/STOP 4; Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Stud. Coun. Hon. Mem. 4; Tennis 1,2,3.
Dan Poznanski.
Dan Praschak: Freshman Band 1.

Becky Prgomelja: Chinese Club 4; Teach. Asst. 3,4; French Club 1,2,3,4.
Jason Price: Thespians 2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4.
Katina Pride: Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4.
Ted Prime.
Kristi Pulsoni: Peer Tutor 4.

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Seniors Remember Special Friends

by Heather Lorange

Students meet literally hundreds of people throughout high school including friends, acquaintances, teachers, counselors, administrators and many more. Most of these people will be forgotten soon after graduation; however, a few will remain close in the minds and hearts of students even if they never see them again. When asked which one person they would remember and why after high school students had a variety of answers.

"Tammie Cosich, because of all the good times we've shared since 9th grade and we've been such good friends. I can always trust her if I need to talk to someone."

—Jodi Wahlman

"Mr. Weins, because I terrorized him so much and we had so much fun. I wish I could be a freshman everyday. That was the best class in the world."

—Gabe Soukup

"My math teacher, Mr. Sifrig, because he taught more history than he did math."

—Susie George

"My ex-boyfriend, because he tore me apart. He made the end of my year not what I expected it to be."

—Grisel Villanueva

"Julie Witka, because she was in my home-room. I've known her since my freshman year and through gymnastics."

—Lisa Wilson



During the *Variety Show*, best friends seniors Tasha Reese and Amy Gruchalski performed a skit off Saturday Night Live called "Sorority Girls." They have been friends for many years and plan to remain close after graduation.

Thomas Puskac.

Manha Raico: Teach. Asst. 2,3; Con. Choir 2; Con. Orch. 1; Freshman Chorus 1; Pit Orch. 1,2,3,4; String Ensem. 1,2,3,4; Symph. Orch. 2,3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3,4; Michael Rains.
Eric Ramos: Pow Wow 2; Track 1,2,3.
Kristine Rea: Acad. Letter 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Teach. Asst. 1,4; Legend 1,2,3,4(Editor); Math Club 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Pep Club 1; Quill & Scroll 2,3(Treas.); Tennis 1,2,3,4; Acad. Supbwl. 4(Capt.).

Tasha Reese: Cheer. 1,2; COIL 4; Freshman Band 1; Pep Club 1,2; Prom Comm. 3; Speech & Deb. 3,4; Vice Pres.; Symph. Band 2,3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1; Stud. Coun. Class Rep. 1,3; Hon. Mem. 2,4.

Arlana Reno.

Kassey Reynolds: Prom. Comm. 3; Queen 4; Basketball/Softball 1,2,3,4.
John Rhome.
Julie Rhody: Cheer. 1,2,4; SADD/STOP 2,3; Teach. Asst. 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom. Comm. 3; Stud. Coun. Class Rep. 2,3; Hon. Mem. 1; Class Treas. 4.

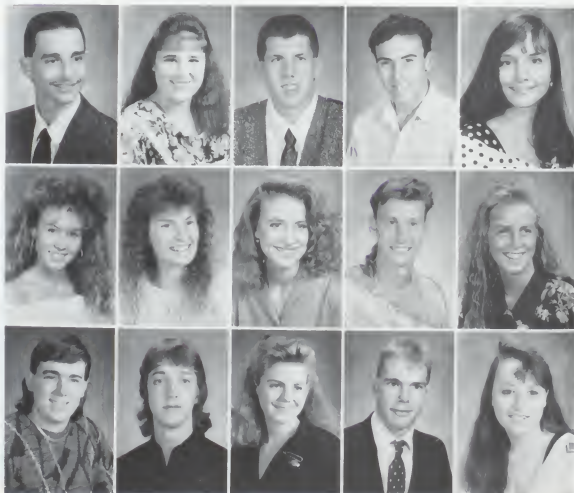
Jason Riley.

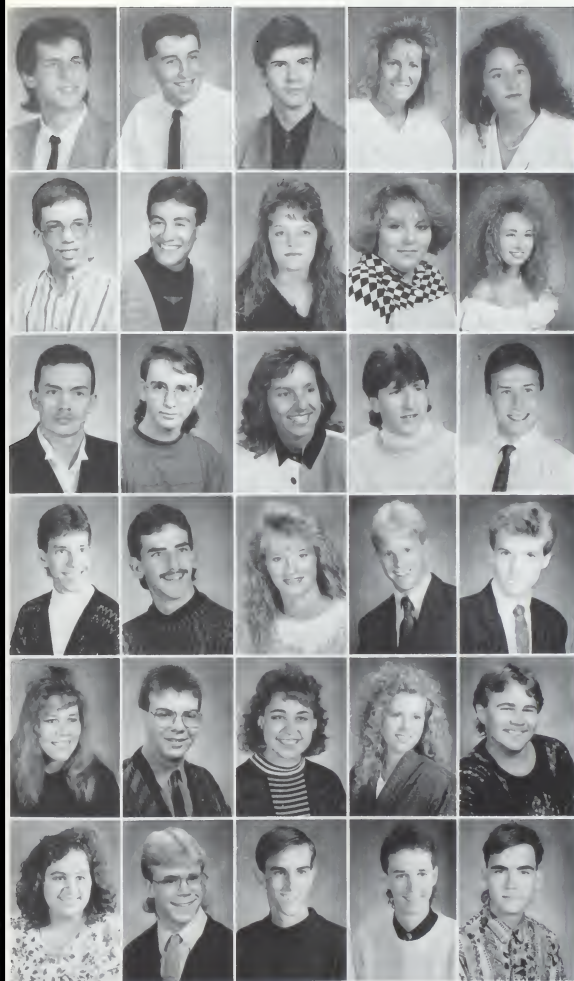
John Ripperdan.

Susanne Ritchey: Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4.

Michael Ritthaler.

Amy Robbins: Teach. Asst. 3; Freshman Band 1; Con. Band 2; Con. Orch. 1,2; March Ind. 1; Pep Band 1.





Mark Robbins: Acad. Let. 3; COIL 4; Spanish Club 2; Chor. Band 2, 4; Math Club 2, 3; Pres. 1, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech & Deb. 1, 2, 4; March. Ind. 4; Pep Band 3, 4; Pit Orch. Symph. Orch. Solo & Ensem. 1, 2, 3, 4; State Finalist 1, 2, 3. String Ensem. 2, 3, 4.

Mark Robinson.

Shawn Robinson.

Heather Rogers.

Greta Ann Rondinelli: Winter Homecoming Ct., Girls' State, Prom Comm., Prom Ct. 3; Stud. Coun. 4; Class Treas. 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2.

Jeff Root: JROTC Color Guard, Drill Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fit. 3, 4; Teach. Asst. 2, 3, 4.

Robert Rosales.

Debbie Rose.

June Rouse.

Jennifer Ruthbeck: Teach. Asst. 3, 4; Pep Club 1.

Mark Ruvalcaba: Football 1, 2.

Miles Sabin: FLHS 3; French Club 2, 3, 4.

Adrienne Samardzija: Acad. Letter 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Prom Comm. 3; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4 (Cap.); Boys Tennis Manager 2, 3, 4.

Mike Samuelson.

Walter Sandoval.

John Santana: Intramurals 3, 4.

David Savila.

Niki Scarbrough: COIL, Teach. Asst. 4; Girls' State 3; Legend, Quill & Scroll 2, 3; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4.

Erik Scheier: Acad. Let., Fall Home. Ct. 3, 4; COIL 4; FCA 1, 2, 3, 4; Teach. Asst. 4; Basketball 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Darren Schmidt: Intramurals 4; Teach. Asst. 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Maj., Jazz Band, Speech & Deb. 3, 4; Orch. Winds 2, 3, 4; Con. Band 2; Fresh. Band 1; Thes. 3, 4 (Pres.); March. Ind., Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Symph. Band, 3, 4; Science Club 3; Stud. Coun. Hon Mem. 4.

Hannah Schmidt.

Tim Schoenling: Acad. Let. 3, 4; FLHS 3, 4; Teach. Asst. 4; NHS 3, 4.

JoAnne Scott: Teach. Asst. 4; News Bureau 3, 4 (Editor); Life Skills 3, 4.

Kirsten Sederburg: COIL 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD/STOP 3, 4; Teach. Asst. 2, 3; Freshman Band 1; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Stud. Coun. Hon Mem. 2.

Mark Selby: Concert Band 1.

Alissa Serrano: Intramurals 1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Teach. Asst. 1.

Jon Sexton: Teach. Asst. 2.

David Shaffer.

Chris Shaw.

Steve Shaw: Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Con. Band 2, 3; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 3, 4; Symph. Band 4; Solo & Ensem. 3, 4; Football 1.

Dawn Sheake.
Jennifer Shelton: Choraliers 4; Speech
& Deb. 4; The Spans 4; Symph. Choir
3A.
Steven Shenefield.
Beth Shepard: Teach. Asst. 3.
Tanya Shubat.

Leanne Shukitis: Teach. Asst., Bas-
ketball, Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Prom
Comm. 3; Stud. Coun. Rep. 2,3; Class
Pres. 1; Track, COIL 4; Volleyball,
1,2,3,4(Capt.).
Kimberly Shuster: Ski Club 4; Acad.
Let. 3,4; Latin Club 1,2,3; NHS 3,4; Solo
& Ensem., Basketball, Fresh. Band 1;
Softball, Volleyball 1,2,3,4.
Patience Shutz: Pep Club 2,4; Pom
Pons 4.
Elizabeth M. Silva: Brush & Palette 2;
Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4; Life Skills 3,4.
Robby Simons.
Vicki Sims: Intramurals 1,2; Teach.
Asst. 4; Con. Orch. 1,2; Pit Orch. 3,4;
String Ensem. 1,2; Symph. Orch. 3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3; Peer Tutor 4.
Tim Simstad: Intramurals 2; Latin Club
1,2,3,4.
Joella Singleton: Girls Choir 2;
Choraliers 3,4; Symph. Choir 4.
Daniel Sisco.
James Sitar.

Heather Slack: Intramurals 3; SADD/
STOP 3; Teach. Asst. 1,3.
Suzanne Slane: Girls' State 3; Teach.
Asst. 2,3,4; Saga 4.
Michelle Sloan: Con. Band 2; Fresh-
man Band 1; March. Ind. 1.
Heather Smith: Acad. Let., NHS 3,4;
Cheer., Teach. Asst., FLHS 2,3,4; Fall
Home. Ct., COIL 4; Pep Club
2,3,4(V.P.); Prom Comm., Win. Home.
Ct., Class Sec. 3; Stud. Coun. Hon.
Mem., Swim. 1,2; Class Pres., Prom Ct.
4; Track 1,2,3,4.
Jeffery Smith.

Jennifer Smith: Indianette,
1,2,3(Capt.), Legend, Quill & Scroll,
Photo 4; Con. Band 2; Softball 2,3.
Stephanie Smith: SADD/STOP 2,4;
Life Skills 3,4; Speech & Deb. 2.
Ryan Sonntag: Intramurals, Solo &
Ensem. 2,3; Fresh. Band 1; Symph.
Band 3,4.
Rosemarie Sosa: Spanish Club
1,2,3(Treas.); 4; Teach. Asst. 1,2,3,4; Pom
Pons 4; Pep Club 4; Photo Club 3.
Tiffany Soto: Con. Orch. 1; Pit,
Symph., Cham. Orch., Solo & Ensem.
2,3,4; String Ensem. 1,2,3,4.
Gabriel Soukup: Football 2; Stud.
Coun. Hon. Mem. 3,4.
Ollie South.
June Spoa: SADD/STOP 4; Teach.
Asst. 2,3,4; Math Club 1; Saga 4; Gym-
nastics 2,3,4(Co-Capt.); Track 1.
Trisha Springer: Indianettes 1; Pep
Club 4; Pom Pons 4; Legend 2; Gym-
nastics 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.
Timothy Stahl: Intramurals 2,3,4;
Teach. Asst. 1,3,4; Fresh. Band 1; March.
Ind. 1,2; Pep Band 1,2; Symph. Band
2,3.



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Graduates Make Plans for Summer



Seniors Jay Walker and Gus Crews studied Karate throughout high school and will continue throughout the summer to practice the art. They performed a routine in the Variety Show to a song from the group Nirvana.

by Heather Lorange

For four years, seniors have dreamed of what they will do immediately after graduating. Staying out late, sleeping in, sitting around doing basically nothing each and every day have crossed the minds of students hundreds of times. Everyone seems to have different answers to the question of what they are planning to do this summer.

"Work to pay for school, work out and go out with my girlfriend."

—Jim Knight

"Work everyday at Santini's Pepper Pot to further my career."

—Bob Findley

"Get a job and look for a school."

—Cherie Gagna

"Not to do anything important!"

—Nichole Stefanelli

"To work to pay for college."

—Amy Archer

"To have fun and spend a lot of time with my friends before I go to school."

—Sara Covington

"Work at Hardee's, get ready for college and my own apartment."

—Stephanie Smith

"To party at my house when my parents leave."

—Michelle McConnell



Amy Stanley: Cheer. 1; SADD/STOP; Poms 3,4; Pep Club, Tennis 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Class V.P. 1; Stud. Coun. Rep. 2,3,4; Bus. Club 4(V.P.).

Ronnie Stanley: SADD/STOP 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm./Cl. Class Pres. 3; Student Council 1,2(Rep.), 4(Pres.).

Nicole Stefanelli: Mike Steve: Con. Band, Orch. Winds 2; Math Club 2,3; Symph. Band 3; Solo & Ensem. Jazz Band 1,2,3.

Wendy Stilwell: Acad. Let. 4; Erik Stoddard.

Lisa Stoebe: Teach. Asst. 1,2,3.

Wendy Sulich: FCA 2; Girls' State 3; SADD/STOP 4(Treas.); Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

Brian Sullivan: Baseball 1. Edward Sullivan.

Jerry Edward Sullivan II.

Theresa Sutterfield.

Linda Sutton.

Lisa Sutton: German Club 1; Basketball 1; Swimming 1,2,3,4.

Lora Sutton.

Class of '92

Open Houses: Not Worth It For Some

by Heather Lorange

Ah—the dreaded open house. It's definitely more work than students imagine it to be. Some receive a great deal of help from mom, dad, or grandma, but others have to do it all by themselves. Sometimes this can prove to be too much hassle, and many opt not to have one. Other students feel they are important and worth any amount of work. Students had a variety of answers when asked if they felt open houses were overrated.

"No, because it gives you a chance to be with all your friends one last time, especially if they're all going away to college."

—Tanya Orange

"They are a tad on the expensive side, but since your mom has to pay for it and you get

to have all the fun, I think it's worth it."

—Tim Bayer

"No, because it's a chance for you to see your friends out of school."

—Wendy Aitken

"No, because it gives you a feeling of accomplishment because you have finally graduated from high school."

—Kim Lenburg

"Some are, people feel the more people they invite the more money they will get."

—Mark Croell

"No, it's a kid's choice if he wants to have one."

—Travis Castilleja



Junior Wes Minton and senior Erin Phillips congratulate senior Laura Hull at her graduation open house which was held on Feb. 2. Laura was one of the 66 students who graduated mid-term this year.

Kristy Swan: French Club 1; Media Asst. 1; Freshman Band 1; March. Ind. 1; Symph. Band 2,3,4; Sgt. Club 2,3,4.
Carrie Swier: Teach. Asst. 3; Track 1.
Beth Swift: Spanish Club 1; Cross Country 1; Track 1,2.
Chad Szabo: Winter Homecoming Ct. 3; Intramurals 1; Prom Ct. 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.
Tania Nadine Tavernier: Cham. Orch., Pit Orch., String Ensem., Symph. Orch., Solo & Ensem. 2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Con. Orch. 1.
Darrell Taylor.
Edward Tefreau: Acad. Letter 4; French Club 3,4; Teach. Asst. 4.
Stacy Terry.
Ann Thielen.
Dawn Thomason: Teach. Asst. 3,4; Basketball 1.

Eric Thompson: Baseball 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.
Melanie Thompson: Teach. Asst. 1,2,3; Freshman Band 1; Symph. Band 2,3; Swimming 1,2,3,4.
Jeffery Thorn.
Mike Thorn.
David Timmons: Teach. Asst. 4; Orch. Winds 2,3; Symph. Band 2,3,4.





Manuel Toledo.

Michael Torres.

Michael Tosh: Acad. Letter 3,4; COIL 4; FCA 1,2,3,4; French Club 1,2; Teach. Asst. 4; NHS 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1, Golf 1,2,3,4

Jerry Truax: Con. Chorus 4; Con. Choir 4; Symph. Choir 2,3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3,4; Unapher: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1; Science Club 1,2,3,4.

Danny Uzelac.

Lori Uzelac: French Club 1; Indianettes 2, Teach. Asst. 3,4; March. Ind. 2.

Cynthia Valenti: Acad. Letter 3,4; Brush & Palette 4; French Club 1,2; Con. Band 1,2; Photo Club 3,4; March. Ind. 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Symph. Band 3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2; DRAW 4.

Deanne Vallow: FCA 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2, Teach. Asst. 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 3.

Griselda Villanueva.

Sandra Villanueva.

Angela Vukovich.

Darrell R. Waddell: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 2,4; Science Club 2,4.

Erika Wadsworth: Saga 4.

Jodi Wahlman: Acad. Letter 3,4; Teach. Asst. 4; Con. Choir 2; Prom Comm. 3; Freshman Chorus 1; Symph. Choir; Solo & Ensem. 1; Basketball 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4.

George F. Walker: Teach. Asst. 1; Freshman Chorus 1; Choralists 3,4; Symph. Choir 2,3; Solo & Ensem. 1.

Jay Walker: French Club 1,2; Math Club 2,3,4; (Vice Pres.); Photo Club 1,2,3.

Vincent Walker: SADD/STOP 2; Con. Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 4; Symph. Band 4; Baseball 2.

Kristina Wallace: Office Asst. 4.

Ronald Ward: Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

John Wandecki.

Daniel Warren.

Ronald Warren.

Scott Watkins.

Brian Watson.

Todd Waugaman.

Jodie Weiser: Brush & Palette 3; Teach. Asst. 1; Life Skills 4.

Angela Wells: Teach. Asst. 4; Con. Chorus 2; Choralists 3,4; Freshman Chorus 1; Symph. Choir 3,4; Solo & Ensem. 1,2,3.

Walter Wesley: Intramurals 2,3,4; Teach. 1,2,3,4.

Amy Westbury.

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Memories Will Last A Lifetime

by Heather Lorange

For most students, high school seems to last an eternity. They spend years dreaming of how great their lives will be when they're out, only to find that a few months after graduation, they're dreaming of how to get back in. However, each student's unique memories, be it Homecoming or their high school sweetheart, will be all they have to treasure for the rest of their lives. When asked, "What is your most memorable high school moment?," seniors had some different responses.

"The float meetings my senior year when for the first time our class joined more or less as one group and not cliques."

—Amy Powers

"Falling in love for the first time."

—Gabe Soukup

"My most memorable moment at PHS is by far Prom my junior year. Everyone was so close and happy."

—Niki Scarbrough

"My junior year, when the girls' gymnastics team beat Valpo. The meet was real hyper and exciting, and the competition came down to the final competitors."

—June Spoa

"Going to war. I've never been so scared in my life."

—Kimberly Parker



Seniors Barb May and Melanie Johnson helped make the senior float. They also worked together to create a smaller boat which was used to decorate the commons. The seniors won both of these competitions.

Janice Westmoreland: Photo Staff 3,4;
Legend 3,4; Chorales 3,4(Sec.); Concert
Choir 2; Photo Club 3; Quail & Scroll 3,4;
Symphonic Choir 3,4.
Dana Wheeler.
Jason White: Football 1.
Lisa Wilson: SADD/STOP 3,4; Teacher
Asst. 1,2,3,4; Math Club 3,4.
Missy Wilson: Pow Wow 2.

William Wilson: Teacher Asst. 3,4; Lifter
2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.
Julie Witka.
Angeline Wixon: Spanish Club 2; Latin
Club 1; Pep Club 1,2.
Audrey Wolf.
Lori Wolfe: Brush & Palette 2(Pres.),
3(Pres.), 4; Teacher Asst. 2; Peer Tutor 3,4.

Brandy Woolsey: Volleyball 3,4; Football
4(Mgr.); Athletic Trainer 4.
Alyssa Youngs.
John Zack: Boys' State 3; Teacher Asst.
1,2,3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4;
Art Block 2,3,4.
Pete Zajick: Football 1,2; Track 1,2.
Philip Zielinski.





Julian Adames
John Addison
Ricardo Adau
Aurora Agostini
Stacey Ailes
Stephanie Ailes
Amanda Akers

Aaron Akins
Stacy Akins
Arnold Alaniz
Laura Alkire
Tina Allan
Jennifer Allen
Maria Alvarez

Glenn Angle
John Arredondo
Ryan Ashby
Jody Auskalinis
Robin Autrey
Tina Ayers
Jenene Ayers

Christopher Baim
Louis Bain II
Andrew Baker
Teresa Balash
Jamie Balboa
Marcella Balboa
Thomas Baldridge

Michael Barich
Tracy Barnard
Gordon Barnes
Plomer Barnes
Marlene Barrientez
Steve Batista
Stephen Batusic

Tanya Beach
Shannon Belcher
David Bell
Todd Belsha
Bryan Beyster
Erika Bishop
Camille Blackburn

Leslie Blackwell
Mary Blaha
Juliet Bogue
Ryan Boland
Shane Bolde
Allison Boney
Kimberly Bono

Ryan Booth
John Boyle
Tina Bozman
Kimberly Bradford
Tenna Bradley
Ben Brajki
Eve Bremer

Edward Brennan
Heather Brink
Tiffany Brink
Marvin Brown Jr.
Nicole Brown
Timothée Brown
Tracy Brown

Kristin Bruning
Lynn Bujewit
Jeffrey Bull
Tammy Bullington
Melissa Bunk
Stephanie Burdette
Cynthia Burkhardt

Stephanie Byarlay
Wendy Caddle
Christopher Cain
James Campbell
Elizabeth Cantrell
Phillip Cantu
Richard Cap

Daniel Cardenas
Jodi Carlson
Kathy Carrasco
Candice Carrillo
Adam Carter
Michele Casey
Shandra Cassano

Misty Caudill
Jennifer Chapman
Alphonse Charon
Robert Chavas
Teisha Chavez
Michael Chaykowski
Flavel Christensen



by April Greenwell

The first day of school, two hours of listening to a principal read the 91-92 handbook, is not the way most people like spending their day.

The handbook was developed as a reference material, to get parents involved in their child's education and to bring the whole Portage family together.

it helped me a lot in getting around the school and getting my priorities straight."

However, many students don't see the handbook in the same sacred light that many administrators do.

Merideth Knapp, junior, said, "I do not like the idea of the handbook because it has never helped me. I don't understand its purpose."

Senior Angie Berneir, said, "I can understand

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Mr. Forrest Rhode, principal, said, "The reason for the handbook is the rules will be in writing where everyone can see and understand and refer to it if needed. Every once in a while, in the announcements, I will refer to the handbook to be sure that everyone is straight on what is expected of them."

Some students agree with the administration and even have positive words to say about the guide.

Amanda Gibson, freshman, said, "I think that the handbook is a good idea because

Be the Best You Can Be

why the administration thinks the handbook is important. How many people actually read it though?"

The handbook can be a new student's best friend, but on the other hand it can be an old student's annoyance. Although the handbook review tends to get tedious and repetitive by senior year, it is just another necessary part of school.



(Clay Art)

Paul Christman
Kathleen Cimbla
Valerie Cirak
Donna Clark
Liana Clark
Lisa Clark
Michele Clark

Earl Clay
Jason Clement
David Clifford
Dana Cobb
Kari Cochran
Shelly Colfman
Aaron Collins





Jason Collins
Aimee Conrick
Dennis Cook
Stacie Cook
Chuck Cooley
Jennifer Corey
Ana Cornejo

Glenn Cox
John Creasy
Phillip Crowder
Elizabeth Crowley
Yolanda Cullen
Robert Cunningham
Misty Curtis

Seann Dailey
Tammy Daum
David Davey
Jeannie David
Suzette David
Joseph Davis
Christopher Dawson

Scott Dean
Kenneth Dec
Jamie Deiotte
Anthony DeJesus
Victoria DeJohn
Chris DeLeon
Leslie DeLeon

Stacy Dempsey
Tara Denk
Corey Dennison
Renae Deperio
Sabrina Depew
Tatjana Dick
Michael Didelot

Jason Dillard
Vlasev Djordjevic
Amy Doepping
Shanna Dohner
Sherry Dolasinski
Vanessa Dombey
Patrick Donelson

Derick Donnhue
Edward Dore
Kimberly Dozier
Scott Drake
Tammy Dugger
Joseph Dumis
Jon During

Tammy Duvall
Jennifer Dziubla
Rebecca Eberhardt
Andrew Ellenwood
Mathew Ellman
Shannon Emmet
Maria England

Marilyn Evans
Scott Evert
Erik Ewen
Derek Falls
Shawn Farley
Brian Feeney
Jamie Fields

Linda Fierro
Timothy Fizer
Christopher Flick
Sylvia Flores
Amanda Flynn
Charles Ford
Shawn Ford

by Kristine M. Rea

It's a hairy subject full of cuts and burns, compliments and cutdowns, and it's a subject every adult male has to deal with in one way or another. The final decision, to shave or not to shave.

For males, the pass from boyhood to man-

Shaving I

hood may be the fateful day when, armed only with a mirror, foam and razor, a young adolescent embarks on his first facial shave; but, is this experience as exciting as all the rumors say?

"It was a pain," was how senior Jon Gonzalez described his feeling upon realizing it was time to start shaving.

Some were more positive, "I felt like a man," said Gabriel Soukup, senior, "When I first started, however I hated the burning sensation after shaving with after shave." He said he tried to remedy the problem by jumping around a lot.

Who's to decide how much is enough? As far as facial hair goes, many teens, both male

and female, agree a little goes a long way.

"I don't think a man should have a lot of hair on his face but a little, maybe a mustache, looks good," Valerie Stout, junior, said.

"I view those who remain unshaven for long periods of time as being more primitive or as sort of a hairy mutant," Gabriel jokingly said.

Shaving from boys to men

He added that he shaves everyday "because it's more attractive."

Sophomore Vanessa Murrow said that facial hair only distracts from a man's appearance and that she prefers a clean shaven man.

"I think a mustache improves a guy's looks a little, but beards are definitely out!" senior Tammy Daghy said.

Senior Jason Norh said if it's well groomed and short then some hair decorating can look very dignified, but having an over abundance of it can look very bad.



Senior Gabriel Soukup finds an abundance of shaving cream helps him prepare for a date as he tries for the clean cut look; however he passed on the forehead. (Crosslin photo)

Brian Fort
Michael Foster
Cerie Fowble
Gertie Fusko
Jennifer Gabaian
Elizabeth Gaines
Ben Gallardo

Kimberly Ganz
Debbie Capinski
Valerie Garcia
Craig Garrison
Angela Gray
Kelly Gobert
Lisa Gibson

Shelli Gibson
Jennifer Gilbert
Kurt Gilmore
Teresa Gingerich
Rachael Glancy
Nicole Goetschel
Jason Goins

April Goodman
Robert Gorski
Susan Gradel-Smith
Brian Granato
Andrew Gray
Heather Green
Mercedes Greene

Mary Greenwell
Amy Gregorash
Tina Gregory
Thomas Griffin
Phil Gronek
Rob Gross
Jay Gutierrez





Josie Gutierrez
Leonard Guzman
Heather Hagan
Dawn Haines
Timothy Hall
Tim Hallenbeck
Kelly Hampton

Lisa Hansen
Danielle Harden
Melissa Harding
Karla Hardy
Tony Hart
Jackie Hazard
Mickey Hebda

Margaret Heckman
Adam Hedger
Heather Hegedus
Suzanne Hein
Shane Hennings
Sheryl Hennrichs
Jamie Henry

Paul Henry
Sheila Hensley
Brian Hertaus
Rebecca Hess
Ken Heyse
Gary Hicks
Jodi Hicks

Tonia Highlands
Daniel Hill
Kristie Hill
Joanna Hitzley
Kendall Hitchcock
Amanda Hodge
Kim Hominger

Andrea Hoover
Brian Hope
Jeremy Hossa
Jennifer Hosteller
Holly Hostettler
Kelly Housheill
Stacy Hudson

Tanya Hudson
Brenda Humphries
Jesus Hurtado
Max Hutka
Michele Hyde
Robert Ignas
Laura Iwan

Jennifer Jacobs
Freddie Jaime
Niki Jalovecky
Dan Jaworski
Michelle Jenkins
David Jennings
Stacey Johnson

Alan Johnston
Stacey Johnston
Chris Jones
Tammy Jordan
Jamie Joseph
John Joseph
Rosie Jovanovich

Lori Jovanovich
Sandra Kegebein
Jason Kennedy
Robert Kianick
George King
James Kirk
Sean Kitchel

Jason Kurl
Stacie Klumpe
Tracie Klumpe
Julie Knapp
Meredith Knapp
Purdence Knowles
Kelli Kolec

Jason Kowalski
Angie Kurczewski
Cindy Kuta
Chris Lackey
Casey Lanier
Jim Large
Michael Laurin

Billy Lawson
Shawn Lee
Danielle Lemon
Tino Lerose
Phil Lewandowski
Jack Lewis
Kevin Lewis

Tammy Lewis
Brenda Likavec
Carrie Lilly
Scott Lindsey
Shannon Little
Karen Longmore
Margaret Lowell

Danielle Lowenthal
Justin Lund
Kyle Lute
Jennifer Lynn
Stephen Lytle
Victoria Machin
Jesse Macias

Deborah Magura
Rachel Mahns
Mike Mamounas
Nicole Mangene
Thomas Manske
Steven Manwaring
Angela Markon

Jeff Marshall
Jayme Martin
Joe Martin
Erica Martinez
Monica Martinez
Jennifer Martus
Jody Marty

Michelle Matthews
Amy Mattiz
Jennifer May
Amanda Marx
Shannon McAllister
Scott McConnell
Amy McCord

Colleen McKee
Michelle McKinney
Brandy McKittrick
Rene McLran
Chastity McWhirter
Fred McWilliams
Karly Melsher

Christopher Melvin
Kim Menard
Shannon Mendoza
Jim Meyer
Doug Michaels
Miro Miestowski
Cindy Mikalowsky





Tony Milletich
Dawn Miller
Jeff Miller
Kendra Miller
Melissa Miller
Michelle Miller
Brenda Milligan

Jessica Minton
Wesley Minton
Jennifer Moore
Michele Morgan
Melissa Morris
Kevin Mosier
David Motesinger

Kelly Mrak
Matt Mundell
David Muniz
Steven Munoz
Eric Nance
Jason Napier
Sean Nelson

By Kristi Rea

With all the commercials bombarding the public with sexy, smooth legs, females are faced with a decision of how important this stereotype is to them.

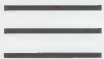
Valerie Stout, junior, said, "I always make sure

class condemnation. Is this a fair stereotype for females to endure?

"I would never judge a girl on whether she shaved because swimmers have to postpone shaving until sectionals," said senior Tammy

Shaving II

Smooth legs
& conformity



my legs are smooth before I leave the house."

Sexy legs in girls are important to some guys too.

Jason Nohr, senior, said if a girl is going to wear a revealing outfit or is planning for anyone to touch her legs, it's her responsibility to remove prickles.

"Having smooth legs should be up to the female. It's a free country and they don't have to do what everybody else does. Be unique and show the Sprite in you," Viren Patel, senior, said.

Most girls experience it, the nervous feeling that someone, perhaps the obnoxious kid in front, will notice the little black prickles covering both legs. Feeling the humiliation coming on, it's easy to see running out of time in the shower is turning into a

Daghy.

"If I don't shave for a day then it's just too bad. I don't base my life on whether or not I shaved my legs," freshman Kim Leehockey, said.

In movies, two types of men prevail, those rugged and unshaven men full of excitement and those smooth clean shaving executives full of romance. However, only one kind of woman lights up the silver screen, the one with long, smooth, clean cut legs. Why are men so special?

"Women are expected to make themselves pretty, so having smooth legs just goes along with that image," Tammy said.

Gabrial Soukup, senior, said unshaven males are more acceptable than females because smooth legs are the norm that women set for themselves.

During a daily shower, senior Kirsten Sederberg shaves her legs to keep up with her friends and the guys. (Crosslin photo)



Wendy Nelson
Lynn Nguyen
Jay Nicholson
Jason Nixon
Merri Noble
Jose Olivencia
Jennifer Ondo

Jason O'Neal
Celena Origel
Maribel Ortiz
Courtney O'Shea
Lisa Osterkamp
Aaron Ott
Tracy Owens

Paul Palichuk
James Pantell
Mike Pappas
Angela Parker
Jeffery Parker
Jennifer Parker
Michael Farrigan

Mike Paviadakis
Michelle Payne
Leslie Pelot
Apyrl Penney
Chad Perdue
Matilda Perez
Courtney Perkins

Carrie Perkins
Josh Persuhn
Jason Pete
Lora Phegley
Todd Phillips
James Piatck
Elizabeth Pierce

Shannon Pierce
Adam Pluskis
Debbie Ponalas
Chris Ponda
Joe Posavac
Denise Potts
Nicole Power

Tonya Pride
John Prieto
Freeda Psihogios
Michael Pugh
Jennifer Pullen
Jim Pullins
Cory Putman



by Tanya Castellanos

Portage High School students vary in many aspects ranging from hair styles and fashions to attitudes and faces, but one unifying factor is that each one has some sort of goal or dream to reach.

Many people have their future set out for them. Reaching their goal and being the best they can be is the ultimate reason for being at school.

AT&T company in New Jersey I already have have a job waiting for me. Thanks to my dad I don't have to worry about job placement and I already know a lot about technical electronics; so, why not go to school and pursue my career? I'm all set!"

"My goals are to maintain a "B" average, go to college somewhere within Indiana and to get into the medical field working with ill children," said junior Linda Fierro.

Ambition

Sophomore Jason Barnard said, "First of all I want to graduate. Then find a career that I will enjoy, and then become more active in environmental programs."

Parents play a big part on setting their children's mind on what their future goals may be, putting a seed of interest in their children's and hoping it will grow.

Senior Jerry Truax said, "I plan to head straight to DeVry Technical School after high school. Because of my father's position at an

== To college or
== not to college ?

Goal setting is an important step in achieving success and is often at the base of many prominent leaders. Plans for the future may be physical or mental, but they all start with an idea; just like those that Portage High School students start with everyday.



Teachers guide the way to success as shown by Mr. Yan Wolfman, physics teacher, as he helps senior Colleen Fosburgh. (Photo Jones)



Greg Pyle
Wendy Radic
Ben Ramage
Jeremy Ratcliff
Shawn Ravn
Becky Ray
Bryan Rearick

Jason Reber
David Reed
Larry Reibly
Tiffanie Reid
Darren Reiner
Sarah Remm
Kevin Rempis

Rich Revetta
Terri Revoir
Stan Rhodes
Gene Richmond
Tina Riegle
Jeremy Rivas
Kevin Rivera

Melissa Rivera
Christine Rosinson
Lori Rodarte
Eli Rodriguez
Jason Rodriguez
Louis Rodriguez
Jessica Rogers

Christopher M. Rogers
Christopher T. Rogers
David Roman
Joe Romero
Dennis Ronk
Mark Roop
Cheech Rosario

Peter Rose
Theo Roseberry
Tom Rosperski
Shawnee Rouse
Laura Samplawski
Wendy Sanders
Vicky Santos

Jeremy Sarver
Jason Schad
Dennis Schiller
Stephanie Schmidt
Michael Schoonover
Stacy Scott
Jamison Serwatka

Larry Shadley
Jim Shadley
Kathlena Shadrix
Phillip Shaffer
Tom Shannon
Daphne Shaw
John Shaw

Theresa Shaw
Karen Shay
Jill Shepard
Dan Shoppa
Larry Siegel
Mike Sills
John Silva

Kelly Silverthorn
Tony Slinker
Erica Smith
Jason Smith
Kim Smith
Lana Smith
Mitch Smith

Sean Smith
Sean Smith
Stacy Smith
Thomas Smith
Tamara Smith-Boltze
Brian Smolnick
Brian Smolnick
Michael Snitchler

Dawn Solarczyk
Jason Solomon
Chris Spear
Craig Spelce
Tracie Splitgerber
Jeremy Spurrier
Mandy Spurrier

Erich Squire
John Stafford
Anthony Stankich
Dan Stanley
Jason Stepanovich
Sherry Stephenson
Melissa Stitts

Mari Stone
Valerie Stout
Todd Summar
Tanya Summerfield
Jason Sutton
Dawn Svetic
Eric Swaney

Beth Swindle
Todd Swindle
Jennifer Sworden
Julie Szabo
Tammy Szymanski
Angela Taylor
Deanna Taylor

Joseph Taylor
Carla Teso
Shawna Tessmann
John Tharp
Timothy Thiele
Adriane Thier
Michele Thomas

Bob Thompson
Scott Tilford
Gary Timm
Jim Tinnel
Crystal Torres
Ona Torres
Scott Tracy

Vicki Tressler
Derek Trinosky
Brian Trosper
Linda Tunczy
Dawn Tulko
Michael Uponsky
Paul Utley

Mike Utterback
Kevin Valetich
Glen Vardaman
Jay Varella
Carie Varner
Randall Vaughn
Tina Veden

Jeremy Verbich
Dan Vincent
Dave Vitellio
Helen Vourazeris
David Waechter
Jennifer Walker
Kristy Walker





Andrew Ward
Kelly Warren
Dan Waters
Kim Waters
Susan Wells
Bryan West
Gretchen Westerkamp

Justin Wheeler
Sean Whelan
Kim Whitaker
Joseph White
Wendy White
Heather Whitten
Larry Widener

Chris Wighman
Jeff Wilborn
Robert Will
Mike Willard
Brent Williams
Geoff Williams
Rachael Williams



Freshmen Danny Schultz, Tony Lennex and Justin Smith enjoy each other's company at the Fall Homecoming bonfire.

by Kerry Kubeck

Choosing your friends can be hard or easy depending on your standards. Looking for certain characteristics in human beings such as personality often proves difficult.

Friendship

Seeking success and acceptance

Junior Dennis Schiller said, "The girls I take interest in have to have a good sense of humor and a positive outlook."

Being judged by skin color may be another obstacle of friendship. Choosing differently cultured friends can depend on parental influence, our own performances or social acceptance.

Sophomore Erica Moats said, "I'd definitely be friends with a person who has colored skin. Racism is wrong and people should be treated the same no matter what their skin color."

Guys and girls agree that they'd never let a

romance ruin their relationship with another friend. Sooner or later that special person may come along, sweep them off their feet and cause a conflict between their friends.

Freshman Angela Gleason said, "I'd never let a boyfriend ruin a best friend relationship because boyfriends come and go, but friends are forever."

On the other hand comrade approval doesn't always enter into romance.

Sophomore Amy Tucker said, "I wouldn't let my friend break up my boyfriend and me. Some friends don't approve of any one you go out with and if you really like the guy, don't let anyone stand in your way."

Whether it be race, personality or loyalty, being accepted can be very important, and while friendships are made and broken every day, memories last within each person's heart forever.



Ben Wilson
Lora Windsheimer
John Worline
Candice Wright
Jennifer Wright
John Wyatt
Sherry Yager

Eric Yates
Dean Yoder
Jason Yon
Shannon Young
Carrie Zeck
Kim Zelasko

by Linda Koehler

Contrary to popular belief, the Porter County Alternative school is no dungeon. The building, circa 1990, houses Porter county's only alternative high school.

The school, founded by former

One advantage is the size of classes. Since most contain ten students or less, teachers have more time to spend with individuals.

"Everything is individualized," said Mr. Risk. "The teacher can talk to each kid



Kate Schlobohm, English teacher, stands by as Ken Stephenson and David Servaty, juniors, work. (Jones Photo)

Exclusive

Superintendent of Valpo schools Jim Risk, represents another chance for those students who can't succeed in a normal high school setting.

"The concept is this, give that kid a good experience, give him confidence, and he'll come back here and succeed," said Mr. Lowell Johnson, administrator in charge of processing students.

Alternative students like Ken Stephenson, junior, said good things.

"I like it because it's easier and they help you out better than regular teachers," Ken said.

David Servaty, junior, agreed, "I actually know what I'm doing."

Educational Experiments

In addition to the "work at your own speed" atmosphere, alternative students can also get out of school at 10:15 a.m. and work for credit. For every 150 hours, one credit is earned.

The Porter County Alternative school is an experiment in education that seems to be working. Mr. Johnson believes in what it can do for those who need it.

"As long as we keep kids in school, we've got a chance of graduating them, but once they drop out, we've failed."

Carla Addison
Derek Ailes
Jason Alaniz
Sandra Aleman
Chastity Alfano
Erica Alicea
Daniel Allen

Nicole Anderson
Charles Andrews
Michael Angle
Heather Anicki
Julie Appelbogen
Eritz Araya
Steven Arnes

Melissa Arnold
Donald Austin
Richard Autenrieth
Shawn Autry
Miguel Ayala
Tina Bacon
Kristen Baker

Brian Balas
Theresa Balboa
Jessica Balding
Paul Ballor
Jason Barnard
Tuesday Barnes
Jennifer Bates

Nicole Batides
Heather Baugh
Richard Baugh
Katie Beckham
Natalie Bellar
Carrie Bell
Daniel Benson





Colette Berbesque
Ryan Beres
Tom Berger
Jason Berman
Daniel Blanton
Steve Blanton
Jennifer Blaszkiewicz

Curtis Bledsoe
Crispin Block
Kari Blouir
Gidget Bohl
James Bolint
Amber Bolton
Daniel Bonta

Valerie Boruff
Claudia Boyle
Rebekah Brajck
David Braser
Joseph Brennan
Jamey Bridges
Lorraine Brigham

Robert Brockway
Veronica Brockway
David Brooks
Michelle Buckner
Russell Builta
Nathaniel Burgess
Michael Burton

Geoffrey Butler
Christine Byers
Julie Cable
Steven Cadle
Lisa Campbell
Julie Capellari
Misty Cardenas

Crystal Carlton
Victoria Carr
Desiree Carrillo
Jeffrey Carter
Christopher Casko
Tanya Castellanos
Roxanna Castilleja

Tina Castilleja
Dusty Caudill
Joshua Cavan
Michael Chabes
Jeffrey Chadwick
Byron Chandler
Lawrence Chapman

Eric Chasko
Elsa Chavarria
John Chavarria
Amber Chavez
Melissa Chavez
Amanda Chessor
Jeremy Chinn

Karly Chnupa
Steve Christian
Dawn Christman
Lisa Christy
Ryan Churchill
Anthony Cichowicz
Dwayne Clanton

Kim Clanton
Jimmy Clarida
Joseph Clasen
Pedro Claudio
Robin Clem
Bryon Clouse
Angela Coe

Carlos Colon
Isabel Colon
Shannon Combs
Shawn Conner
Cristi Conrick
Justin Conway
Kelly Cool

Kelli Coppinger
Brian Coughlin
Edgar Couture
Stacy Couture
Felicia Cox
Jennifer Cox
Joshua Cox

Angela Crawford
Ruth Creech
Kenneth Crews
Leslie Crockett
Natalie Crowder
Amy Cuellar
Stephen Cunningham

Michelle Curtis
Mikell Daege
Brian Daniels
Christopher David
Adam Davis
Jennifer Dennis
Robert Dennis

Becky Detterline
Anthony DeVries
Susan Dicken
Jeremy Dixon
Brian Djurich
Shelley Djurich
Brandon Dolby

Treva Doll
Corrie Donelli
Bryan Dowd
Joyce Drasich
Susan Dravet
Joe Drazich
Valerie Duff

Stacey Duffey
Tammy Dunahoo
Dawn Eaton
Stacey Eisel
Joshua Elam
Brian Emery
Shawn Enstrom

Priscilla Espinosa
Brian Essary
Mary Estep
Krisi Evans
Melvin Evans
Roberta Ewing
Robert Eyeremann

Cheryl Fain
Eric Fancher
John Farris
Teresa Fee
Ryan Feniers
Jessica Fields
Stacey Fields

Sean Fingerhoot
Jennifer Fisher
Kent Fisher
Victoria Fisher
Steven Flanagan
Jennifer Fluck
Michelle Forney





Joseph Foster
Rebecca Foust
Joseph Frazier
Theodore Frazier
Kelly Frazo
Jamie Frederick
Keith Freeman

Chris Frencl
Jessica Frencl
Peter Frick
Crystal Frizzell
Walter Fultz
Anthony Galati
Amanda Galindo

Karina Galindo
Scott Garzella
Lana Gensimore
Bryan George
Cina Gesmond
Jill Gibson
Danielle Glenn

by Vicky Machin

School lunch: pork fritters, ribs sandwiches, golden brown fries. Just thinking about all that delicious food makes some people weak. So why all the complaints? Why all the people

complimented it.

"I love the school's pork fritters more than life itself!" Tiffanie confessed.

Tera Jarosak, senior, agreed, "If we could buy lunch seven times a week, I would!"

Opinions

Speaking Out On Our Food



whining about the long lines for the terrible food?

"Because we can't go anywhere else for lunch," Sarah Greider, senior, said. "I eat here because I'm hungry."

Some others were more critical.

"I can't stand the school lunch," Kelly Sisco, sophomore complained.

"It's not too bad until you bite into your cheeseburger and find hair," Kristy Boruff, senior said.

However, others, like Tiffanie Reid, junior, fervently disagreed, and even

While the controversy raged on, a select few, like Tim Brown, junior, managed to stay removed from the battle. Tim said, "I never eat lunch. I go to the library instead."

There were also people who held no opinion, like Brian Emery, sophomore. "It's not too bad. It's better than nothing," Emery said. And a lot of people agree.

While the entire school seems to be in agreement that the cafeteria lunches are less than gourmet, many also seem to agree that cafeteria food is not some form of punishment, an evil scheme devised by administration to keep the school in line.

In the words of Craig Grau, junior, "They need bigger portions- there's not enough food."



Heather Lovall, sophomore, was just one of the many people who frequented the East cafeteria. All in all, the cafeteria received high student ratings. (Jones photo)



Rebecca Gloyd
Troy Gnat
Eric Goetz
Randy Goff
Tammie Golec
Daniel Gonzalez
Martha Gonzalez

Austin Goucher
Adam Gorden
Richard Grasham
Brian Graves
April Greenwell
Jerry Greer
Thomas Gregorczyk

Eddie Guees
Kerry Gum
William Gutierrez
Anthony Hammerstein
Daniel Harrell
John Harrold Jr.
Patrick Harvey

Debbie Haskell
Chandra Hasee
Jason Hatfield
Cathy Havlin
Dawn Hayes
David Haynes
Jimmy Helmecky

Gregory Hendershott
Michelle Hendershott
Crystal Henderson
David Henderson
Michelle Henrichs
Satin Heroux
Timothy Hess

Scott Heyse
Amy Hilleley
Shannon Himden
Gregory Hinchley
Kerry Haden
Tara Hoots
Michelle Hoover

Damon Howard
Abigail Howe
Michelle Howell
Tony Hrisofos
Eric Huball
Brian Hull
Jennifer Hurst



by Brian Graves

Everyone in Portage and South Haven has been faced with the question, what is there to do around here?

Unless you're willing to spend perfectly good money on gas to drive to Merrillville or Valparaiso, the answer is absolutely nothing. People from Portage

need some place to go that isn't as far away as Merrillville," said junior Rachael Glancy. Rachael believes we should build a movie/mall/fun center in Portage.

Although a trip to Merrillville is not exactly akin to trekking across the Sahara, numerous drives can become very time and money consuming.

Boredom

must go to Merrillville, Valparaiso, or some other far away land for anything as boring as a trip to the mall. So when we went and asked some students for their suggestions on what they thought would be the perfect entertainment facility for Portage, many inspired ideas were discovered.

Sophomore Adam Gordon said, "I would build a baseball stadium and move the White Sox to Portage."

While that is a sentiment shared by many, most other students would settle for less.

"Portage is boring. Teens and others

≡ We want movies, we want a mall

Junior Shannon Little said, "We need a mall or movie theater because we need some places to go around Portage. There is not a lot to do here. Whenever you want to see a movie or shop, you have to drive out to Merrillville or Valparaiso."

While many Portage and South Haven residents strongly agree, there doesn't seem to be anything to do but wait. Maybe stealing the Sox from Chicago is out of reach, but you never know.



The new Loew's theater, built in Merrillville last year, would have been welcome by many Portage teens. (Crosslin photo)



David Hutchins
Rachael Huttman
Camella Ibrahim
Nicholas Irvine
Laura Isley
Matthew Iszler
Jennifer Jones

Robert Johnston
David Johnston
Kimberly Johnston
Christopher Jones
Ryan Jones
Rhonda Sue Jones
Andre Joseph

Mark Josleyn
William Jump
Elizabeth Kado
Kelly Karakozis
Mike Karakozis
Wendy Kasten
Jonathan Keen

William Kehoe
William Keith
Ronald Kelley
David Kellogg
Jennifer Kelly
Jeffrey Kennedy
Tracy Kidwell

Tanya Kirchner
Nicole Kirgan
Andrea Kirish
Robert Kirk
Steven Kish
Jan Klakoski
Carrie Kludt

Jennifer Knight
Boyd Koehler
Linda Koehler
Quinn Koehler
Valerie Kowal
Stacey Kral
Keith Kreischer

Miles Krtmanic
Kerry Kubeck
Brian Kubiak
Paula Kuntz
Patricia Labus
Joel Lach
Lawrence LaFlower

Aaron Landrum
Richard Leary
Angela Lewandowski
Christy Lewis
Joseph Lindfeldt
Andrew Lindstrom
Joanna Linsmeier

Jennifer Livengood
Charles Llamas
Christina Llamas
Mike Longworth
Jeremie Lovall
Heather Lowe
Thomas Luellman

Jon Lukowski
Cyndi Lush
Cindy Lute
Sheila Lynch
Michelle Lyon
William Mack
Trina Malangoni

Heather Maliziola
Stacy Mann
Jeanna Manna
Lisa Manna
Timothy Mantuffel
Jennifer Maniz
Aaron Marentes

Jennifer Mariani
Nicole Markovich
Melissa Martin
Pennie Martin
Shawna Martinez
Jennifer Mason
Joseph Matlock

Kurt Mattix
Nicole Maul
Christina Maxwell
Pat May
Benji Mazurak
Lana McCall
Bill McCall

Andrew McCance
Kristy McCaw
Dena McCay
Jessica McCloskey
Chris McComas
Lana McCorkle
Bryan McCulloch

Jennie McDougal
Christopher McGee
Marcia McGill
James McGuire
Brandon McKinney
James McMurry
Danny McWhirter

Bryan Mears
Jeremy Mears
Jesus Mendez III
Mandy Mendonza
Matthew Meyne
Angela Michael
Holly Miles

Jamie Miles
Lorie Milley
Christopher Miller
Jeffrey Miller
Layla Miller
Crystal Miltenberger
Jason Minder

Holly Misseko
Chad Mitchell
Erica Moats
Jennifer Mocabey
Candice Modesto
Carrie Modesto
Christel Moore

Jeffrey Moore
Rachel Moore
Desiree Morales
Michele Morales
Carl Morris
Tanya Morris
Larry Moss

Carrie Moyer
Rudolph Mrak
Kathy Muir
Elmore Mundell
Mark Mundell
Vanessa Murrow
Bryan Myers





Kevin Napier
Brandy Navardauskas
Jennifer Neeley
Stacy Negron
Bridget Nelson
Dustin Nelson
Amy Nemeth

Joanna New
Christina Neyhart
Tuan Nguyen
Melissa Nicholson
Danielle Nobles
Deborah Noffsinger
Lori Norman

Andrew Novak
Katina O'Neal
Patricia O'Brien
David Olfari
John Olis
Ryan Olsen
Jason Oness

by Linda Koehler

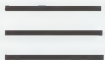
The morning prayer and discussion group started out as a way to gather the reigns of the morning. Now, the group has evolved into a developed discussion of attitudes and beliefs.

thirteen people in here. Then there's times like now when there's like three," said senior Jenna Mitchell, co-founder of the club.

At the start of second semester in 1991,

Devotions

Worshipping before school



Every day at 7:20 a.m., a small group of Christian students meets under the supervision of their faculty sponsor, Mrs. Bonnie Albert, math teacher, to pray, read and discuss their problems. They also pray for those who are not in the best of times.

"We feel it's good to pray and have devotions before school," said junior Ed Dore, a regular part of the group. Ed added, "We want to start our day off right."

The group has been recognized by the administration as an actual club since last year and they welcome anyone with an interest to join.

"We've had times when we've had twelve,

Jenna and a friend went to Mr. Jim Conway, assistant principal in charge of clubs, to talk to him about the possibility of founding a prayer and discussion group to meet before school. After meeting the state law of finding a faculty sponsor, the idea was approved and the group was started.

"People were really surprised when we came forward and said we wanted to do this," Jenna said. She added, "It's catching on a lot."

The people involved agree that this is a worthwhile endeavor, and so far no complaints have been voiced as to the combination of religion with public school.

As Mrs. Albert said, "It's a way of gathering and starting a day."

Sharing a quiet moment are seniors Sara Covington and Jenna Mitchell and junior Jennifer Gaboian. (Pride Photo)



Anthony Orsolini
Robert Ortiz
Vicky Ortiz
Monica Overturf
Steve Pollard
Peter Papagorge
Jennifer Parduun

Amy Patissas
Angela Pavlic
Christopher Payne
Gregory Peckham
Virginia Pedone
Eric Pedroza
Yvonne Pedroza



Mrs. Sue Lipinski, math teacher, is one Portage alumnus who returned home to teach and coach. (Jones photo)

by Louis Bain

Remember high school? Friends and decisions were abundant. You were wild, young and almost free, making your own decisions and taking on more responsibility. Here, some Portage alumni remember high school.

Mrs. Laurie Smock, math teacher, said, "I

was something I'll never forget. There were other state races and team awards in the years to follow, but that first one was something special," Mr. Sanidas recalled fondly.

Styles are always an important part of school. "Western was popular," Mrs.

Backtrack

Teachers Recall High School

was in Honor Society, Student Council, etc."

Mrs. Brighittette Snemis, Spanish teacher, was in the Spanish Club, Student Council, Pom Poms, Thespians, Pep Club, orchestra and intramurals. She was also in "Magic Act", "Carnival", "The Great White Way" and had the lead in "Gypsy".

"I was a member of the cross-country and track teams. In fact, my sophomore cross-country season marked the first ever appearance of any Portage sports team in a state final competition," Mr. Tom Sanidas, English teacher, said.

"My fondest memory was standing on the truck my sophomore year at the state meet in Indianapolis. I was in awe at the number of people there to watch a cross-country meet. The race itself was a blur but the awards ceremony

Snemis said.

"We were basically in the 'let it be' look. The wethead was dead so we wore our hair long and dry. We wore bellbottom jeans, flannel shirts and Chuck Taylor Converse," Mr. Sanidas said.

"The styles were pretty much the same; I'm not that old," Mrs. Smock said.

While many things have changed over time, much more has remained the same, weaving a common bond between the generations.

Maria Pena
Mike Pence
Heather Pepkowski
Victoria Perez
Yolanda Perez
Brandy Perrine
Daniele Pickering

Jason Pickering
Jody Pickford
Melissa Pillock
Danielle Pitcher
Stephen Pollard
Terry Polston
Christopher Press

Teresa Prine
Michelle Prohaska
Trisha Pryle
Nicole Packett
Joshua Puert
Heather Pugh
Wendy Pugh

Charlotte Pyke
Daniel Pyke
Jason Quick
Roxanne Raftis
Courtney Raico
Eric Rajski
Crystal Ramirez

Rebecca Ramirez
Jeffery Reedy
Karen Regula
Jason Renner
Heather Reno
Brandon Retherford
Michelle Reyna





Jaime Rhodus
Katherine Ring
Brian Ringer
Stephen Robertson
Danielle Robertson
David Robertson
Chris Rockwell

Jennifer Rodgers
Dan Rodriguez
Delores Rodriguez
Eduardo Rodriguez
Gloria Rodriguez
Jaime Rodriguez
Jason Rogers

Vanessa Roldan
Christina Rosales
Steven Rose
Paul Roy
Kenneth Runions
Stephan Rusnak
Ronald Russo

Kristina Salain
Sandra Samardzija
Lloyd Samplawski III
Adam Sanchez
Evette Sanchez
Victoria Sanchez
Jennifer Sandberg

April Santos
Anthony Santucci
Christopher Schaefer
Wendy Schafer
Kriatin Schmalfeldt
Daniel Scholebo
Kimberlie Scholebo

Robert Scholebo
Kristin Schumacher
Kevin Scott
Raymond Scott
Bruce Selvage
Timothy Senovic
Victoria Shadley

Jennifer Shadrix
Michael Shane
Tammie Shannon
Jennifer Shaw
Esther Shenefield
Shital Sheth
Peter Shippen

Quinton Shorter
Beth Shurman
Tami Sickles
Gary Silkwood
Dustin Simmons
Steven Simmons
Terri Simstad

Veronica Sinclair
Michael Singleton
Kelly Sisco
Amanda Smith
Emily Smith
Eric Smith
John Smith

Megan Smith
Rae Elyn Smith
Shaney Smith
Sylvia Smith
Crystal Snellgrove
Kelly Snitchler
Stephanie Snoder

Amber Sobczak
Amanda Solitis
Rolando Solo III
Melissa Spurlock
Joel St. Arnaud
Scott Stafford
Christina Stamate

Daniel Stamper
Mandy Stanko
Charles Stanley
James Stanley
Anthony Starr
Jill Stevenson
Hope Stiles

Rebecca Stillwell
Carrie Stout
Erich Straussbaugh
Lesa Straussbaugh
Allen Stultz
Jennifer Sullivan
Leslie Sullivan

Desa Svetic
John Szabo
Holly Szmuto
Nichole Szmuto
Tracy Szostek
Melissa Tarin
Tiffany Tarpley

Keven Tavernier
Charles Teel
Kristin Terwilliger
Amie Thacker
Ronald Thompson
Thomas Thompson
Kenneth Timmons

Lee Towery
Melissa Trader
Heather Trask
Erin Trahen
Randall Trent
Jason Trinks
Amy Tucker

Kresha Utley
Deann Uzelac
Thomas Vardaman
Thomas Vedron
Margaret Veiner
Melissa Villanueva
Michael Villanueva

Jennifer Vogt
Jennifer Volk
Kari Vrska
John Vuko
Jami Vukovich
Jean Walters
Deborah Warren

Travis Warren
Michael Washburn
Gregory Wasieleski
Christa Wasieleski
Lance Watkins
Nathan Watson
Patrick Watson

Roxanne Webb
Daniel Weeks
Jennifer Weiss
Dana Wellman
Beth Wells
Timothy Westbury
Jake Westforth





Leah Whitten
Tricia Whitten
Christine Williams
Michael Wilson
Robert Wineland
Erik Wiseman
Alan Woelk

Jonathan Wood
Lisa Wolzyn
Jeffrey Yates
Dennis Yon
John Yuhasz
Jennifer Zehner
Jill Ziemer

Jeremy Zimmer

Top 3 Most Embarrassing Moments

#1 Falling on the stairs

#2 Saying the wrong thing

#3 A kiss seen by an elder

by Cindy Lute and Linda Koehler

Everyone has had it—that one embarrassing moment which, at the time, seems mortifying.

When some students were asked to divulge their most humiliating events, many happily complied. Following are some stories about exploits into the world of embarrassing moments.

Clothing can be a dilemma.

Sophomore Kresha Utley tells of an embarrassing event in a Chicago restaurant. "I

a family member.

Senior Mike Duron said, "When I was in ninth grade my brother threw me outside naked, buck naked, in my front yard in front of about thirty girls. I had to hide in the bushes for about an hour until they left."

Sophomore Bobbie Ewing said, "All the Portage Porpoise swimmers saw my dad's heart boxer shorts. He was sitting on the floor and his jeans went lower and everyone was like, 'Nice underwear.'"

Embarrassing

Moments To Cringe About

was bending over and my pants split," Kresha said in utter horror. She was so embarrassed that she ran and hid in the bathroom.

Sophomore Kelly Cool remembers her prime example of embarrassment; "I remember this one time I was shopping and I tried on these pants. I was in a store that I had never been in before. I was looking for a dressing room and I finally found the sign for one and I just walked right in and tried my pants on. As I was leaving there were some men that were coming in and that was when I discovered I was in the wrong one."

Embarrassed, Kelly thought quickly and handled the situation.

"I took the pants and put them over my face and walked out the door," she said.

Sometimes the root of humiliation was in

"Probably the most embarrassing moment was when I was in sixth grade. I was in Youth Basketball, and I scored on the other team's basket," said freshman Doug Plinovich. "I started laughing," he added.

Sophomore Tami Sickles said, "I was umpiring one day and I made the safe sign and the out sign at the same time. Everybody was yelling. I felt like an idiot," she said with a pained look.

Sometimes a broken romance may cause embarrassment.

"I was arguing with my ex-girlfriend and she smacked me in front of my friends," junior Jack Lewis said. "I was real embarrassed. I just stood there and looked at her and all my friends were laughing at me, so I just left," he said.

Walking away, pretending nothing happened or just learning to laugh are perhaps the best ways to keep cool in the face of such compromising situations.



Junior Sean Kittell imitates John Travolta to the disco great "Stayin' Alive," proving how much fun posing for a camera can be.

by Valerie Kowal

"I'm only standing inside my locker trying to find my calculator. Great there goes the first bell, I don't have a pen to write with, I have to go up to the third floor, and I have one tardy before I get a Saturday class."

Many Portage High School students started

Size It Up



Lockers are
way too tall

the edge and jump up so I can see if I left anything up there I need."

Some students stack books to reach the top. Senior Bob Finely said, "I take all the books out my lockers and I climb up on the books and get the stuff I need."

Is it possible to deal with something like this or will future students speak up and ask for adjustable shelves? Only time will tell if that may happen.

their education careers at PHS West and were tormented by the size of their lockers. The West lockers were close to each other and not big enough for all the books students needed to store in them, causing of much frustration. Now those upperclassmen that moved on to East are still horrified with the size of their lockers. Why? Because now the lockers are too big and the top shelf is way up in cloud nine! The lockers, being exactly 55 inches in height, tend to be a bit of a problem for shorter students.

"It's difficult for me to reach the top shelf since I'm only 4'11", so I climb inside and reach up to get my things. I wish they (the school system) would keep in mind not everyone is tall!



Senior Nicolette Ciciora has trouble seeing the top of her locker. Like other PHS students, Nicolette stands on the edge to see the top. (Jones photo)

Arthur Ables
Clarence Ackerman
Kevin Adams
Joseph Adamski
James Adamson
Araceli Addison
Michaela Ailes

Down Alaniz
Daniel Alcorn
Tonya Allan
Erik Alzman
Andrea Ampeliotis
David Anderson
Faith Anderson

Chris Angle
Kamel Anon
Jennifer Babjak
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Julie Bailey
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Michele Baker
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Casey Ballenger
Glenn Ballor
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Erin Barker
Chad Barlow
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John Berry

William Bigham
Charles Bigheart
Hollina Binder
Jill Biodrowski
Tessa Black
Lori Boney
Jason Bonner

Jason Bono
Scott Booth
Jason Bovenkerk
Celina Boyle
Robert Boyle
Nancy Brabbs
Rob Bradford

Adam Branham
Carla Brickley
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Matt Brown
Nicole Brutout
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Tai Cherne
Amanda Childers

Jason Chirkia
Joseph Chitwood
Jaime Cifaldi
Michael Cirak
Allison Clark
Kevin Clay
Julianna Cline

Jessica Cloyd
Laura Cobb
Vicki Coello
Nicole Collins
Richie Collins
Christopher Connelly
Jeremy Conner

Shannon Conner
Sean Connors
Erin Cook
Sarah Cool
Kami Cooper
Todd Coats
Jaime Corbett

Tina Corbett
Nichole Coros
Kurt Courtney
William Covelli
Jason Cox
Jonathan Creech
Anne Crockett

David Crook
Kathryn Crum
Ann Marie Cruz
Cindy Cubbison
Albert Cuellar
Suzanne Culig
Matthew Cullen

Kristen Cunningham
Nedine Cunningham
Ryan Curran
David Czapia
Kevin Daghy
Monica Daich
Kerry Dailey

Christopher Damjanoski
Roger Darnell
Michael Davenport
Suzanne Davey
Mike David
Clay Davis
Michael DeLeon

Laura Demmon
Jamie Denny
Sean Devine
Norma Diaz
Connie Dicken
Tiffany Dillard
Briana Dixon

Shannon Dodd
Beverly Doll
Robert Doll
Shana Doll
Mike Dolton
Paula Dominick
Jennifer Dominion

Brian Dowden
Lisa Dozier
Lorie Dravet
Charles Dudley
Daniel Dudley
Jason Dudley
Christine Dumenric

Dennis Duncan
Jill Durham
Beriah Dutcher
Christopher Duvall
Michele Easton
Steve Elliott
Patrick Enockson

Eduardo Escalante
Jennifer Eshelman
Frank Essig
Lisa Fain
Amanda Falck
Matthew Farney
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Richard Fowble
Steve Fox
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Joy Franczek
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David Fravel
John Frazier
Gary Frazo
Emily Frechette
Anthony Freeman



Over 650 Freshman students showed up for orientation day. Freshman Jennifer Johnson had to sit on the floor because there was not enough room in the bleachers. (Jones photo)

by Shelley Djurich

Wednesday, Aug. 21, freshman orientation day, it's 6:55 a.m. as you wait anxiously for the big yellow bus roaring down the street. You get on the bus there is total com-

"It was not as bad as I thought it would be," freshman Amber Smith said. Junior Deanna Wilder said, "That day was a drag."

Freshman Ed Penkula said, "I was pretty

Opinions

Attack of the first day blahs

plete silence! It's about 7:15 a.m., the bus driver looks back and announces, "Next stop, PHS West."

Finally the bus stops; everyone hesitates to get off. Soon, everyone is back in their own clan hanging out and discussing hair, clothes, and most importantly, what lunch hour they have. Some man comes out and yells, "Everyone sit down and be quiet!"

As the day slowly drags by, you wait just to hear the sound of the bell. The bell rings, it means freedom from school and you're dismissed.

messed up that day. It was hard to remember much of that day."

Senior Dannen Hatch said, "It was kind of scary."

"I thought it was a lot people and some cute guys, and I also have gotten a lot of new friends," said freshman Angela Back.

Sophomore Jennifer Sandberg said, "On orientation day I was really nervous because I would see so many of all of my old friends again for the first time in three to four years."

Sophomore Sylvia Smith said, "It was a terrible day as far as I can remember because I got lost going to homeroom and I had a hard time trying finding all of my classes."



Scott Fricke
Christopher Fruehwirth
Brian Fugate
Richard Furnish
Ryan Gadkowski
Heather Gaines
Jeremiah Gannon

Christina Garcia
John Gardner
Brad Garcia
Chad Gatewood
Scott Gebert
Kristen Gerbick
Julianne Giancola

by Dave Jennings

Everything suddenly all goes black. You lie there, feeling nothing. When abruptly you are awakened by a soft gentle feeling of peace. Soon, you're up and walking towards a warm light at the end of a long dark tunnel where you are met by loved ones and

in so many things, it's funny," she added.

"I don't believe that there is life after death," senior exchange student Ricardo Rodriguez said. "I don't believe in what I can't see."

"I really couldn't say if there is or isn't, but I believe in reincarnation," junior Mickie Jenkins

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Life after your death

friends.

That may not seem like a scene from the movie *Flatliners*, but it is yet another conception of life after death. This has been a hot subject in movies for many years and with so many different views and opinions out there, who should we choose to believe?

"I really couldn't tell ya' (if there's life after death) until I die," senior Ariadna Fernandez said. "People say there is, but that's just what people say. I don't know. I do believe there is a God, but then I'm still not sure. You can't come back once you die and say, 'hey, it's fun!', who knows," she added.

"Yes, I believe in life after death," sophomore Melissa Villanueva said. "Reincarnation, I believe

said.

"I don't know, I will come back and I'll tell you," junior Carla Teso said laughingly.

When someone dies, the sudden realization that life is precious may be true. The death of anyone is usually a rather depressing subject for the most. The word (death) stirs emotions of gloom and sadness. Not knowing about death and what comes after, if anything, could quite possibly be the scariest part.



(Clay Art)

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Angela Giesler
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Kristen Gillis
John Gladden
Lesley Glans

Matthew Godsey
Timothy Golec
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Elisa Gonzales
Maribel Gonzalez
Stephanie Gonzalez
Brandy Graham

Ronald Graham
Timothy Graham
Patricia Grasham
Angel Gray
Kimberly Gregor
Rebecca Gregorash
Tammy Griffey

Stephanie Griffith
Mark Gruchalski
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Gustavo Guerrero
Antonio Gutierrez
Billy Haddox
Kraiger Hamersley

Erin Hamilton
Jamie Hamilton
Tawniya Hamilton
James Hampton
David Hancock
Eric Hart
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Richard Hawkins
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Earl Hennings
Tobi Hensley

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Michael Jaso
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Jason Lopez
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Leo Maglish
Melissa Mahoney
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Hannah Marcinkovich
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Alma Marlin

Charity Marsh
Emily Martin
Christine Martinez
Louis Martinez
John Matney
Paul Matthew
Jason Mauck

Virginia Mayernik
Cory McCommon
Amanda McClelland
Marcie McClelland
Kelly McCorkle
Josh McCormack
George McCormack

by Sheri Conrick

Rivalry. It's a normal everyday occurrence between two groups of people.

However, there is also an unusual rivalry in Northwestern Indiana between two well

"I like IU better because it has a much better business school. Purdue does have engineering, but I prefer business," senior Dan Sisco said.

Senior Pam Moise, "I like IU because it

Hoosiers

Purdue vs. Indiana



known colleges; both Indiana University (IU) and Purdue University (PU) have extension schools within thirty miles of Portage.

These two schools have been rivals for a long time. They even play a football game each year called "The Old Oaken Bucket," in which the winner not only gets the glory of winning, but also the satisfaction of displaying the bucket at their school.

Students pick their favorite college for many different reasons. Some students choose according to which school suits their academic needs better.

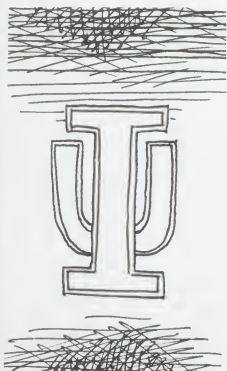
has a much better music department and I plan to go into music."

Other students pick their favorite for more athletic reasons.

"Indiana has a much better basketball team. Purdue does not know how to play basketball. Purdue is very thankful to get Glenn Robinson to add to their team. Also, in another area, IU-Bloomington has a better campus than Purdue," senior Jawad Javed said.

Other students may strongly disagree with the statements about Purdue.

Senior Mike Tosh said, "Purdue is the most overlooked school in the area. It is also one of the top three in the nation in engineering. IU is just a party school."



(Clay Art)



Sarah McEwan
Trenda McGlothlin
Adam McGriffin
Monica McIntire
Lisa McKay
Donavan McKiddy
John McLain

Angela Meadows
Delora Medina
Jessica Meier
Christy Menendez
Katherine Metavakis
Christopher Meyer
Amy Michael

by Shelley Djurich

Summer, spring, autumn and winter, we experience them every year, but there is one particular season that shines more favorable for each of us.

During the summer PHS students may enjoy swimming in a pool, cruising in their car or going to the beach.

Freshman Tom Kaminski said, "My favorite season is spring because I get my first chance of playing tennis outside after having to play indoor at clubs all winter."

Autumn is the time of the year when the days begin to shorten, weather turns cooler and the leaves change colors.

Times Up

Time for a big change

Junior Eve Bremer said, "Summer is definitely my favorite season because of the weather, my birthday and the beach! Sunshine makes me happy and it brings out the exciting spirit in people."

"Summer is my favorite because I like to be able to drive in my car with the windows down," senior James Bigham said.

Senior Lisa Wilson said, "My favorite season is probably summer because I like to be outside and I also like to play outdoor sports."

"Summer is a great season because of the long days, the sunshine, the fresh air and the ever popular beach," senior Lesley Kirk said.

During the spring some PHS students may enjoy the warmer weather and outdoor sports.

"I do like autumn because I love the way the leaves change colors," sophomore Jennifer Sandberg said.

The winter may be the most beautiful time of the year, with the glistening ground and the trees covered with snow.

Sophomore Melissa Trader said, "I love winter because it gives me a chance to take out my snowmobile. When I ride my snowmobile I like when the trees are covered with a fresh snowfall."



Senior Chad Kestner enjoys the beautiful fall weather while practicing his tennis techniques at PHS tennis court. Sports maybe one of the ways to enjoy nice weather. (Smith photo)

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David Mitchell
Sarah Mitchell
Tom Mitchell

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Mark Morales
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Chris Moseley

Steven Moser
Shannon Mott
Aaron Munoz
Mike Murray
Rachael Mushinsky
Robert Myers
Karl Nagy

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Julius Najer
Jamie Napier
David Nelson
Joshua Nelson
Wendy Nemeth
Darcie Newberry

Dave Newton
Jason Nichols
Roy Nicholson
Jennifer Nolan
Jeremy Norman
Ralph Nurse
Kim Nusbbaum





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Jason Olivarri
Michelle Olivencia

Ryan Ollis
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Aric Ott
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Stephanie Pelot
Ed Penkala
Matt Pepoff
Jayme Perez

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Rachael Persuhn
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Michael Pierce
Jamie Pittman

David Platt
Tina Plew
Doug Plinovich
James Poe
Kellie Poe
Charles Polarek
Elizabeth Popa

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Justin Posavac
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Jessica Provins

Alex Puckett
William Pugh
Clinton Pullen
Michael Rake
Amy Ramian
Talia Ramsay
Sandi Ratray

Michael Razus
Ryan Reagor
Daniel Ream
Jennifer Recktenwall
Scott Redigonda
Edward Reibly
Sharene Reich

Sabrina Reid
Scott Reinhart
Joe Remm
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Matt Rice
Cassandra Richart

Darren Richeson
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Michelle Rivera

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Tami Ross
Teresa Rossman
Heather Rothschild
Marc Rubins
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Jodi Russell
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Christine Smith
Galen Smith
Greg Smith

Justin Smith
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Danny Snow
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Tricia Swindle
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Nicole Szmuto
John Szymanski
Jessica Tallet
Paul Targart
Alisa Tarry
Cari Taylor
Erik Taylor

by Valerie Kowal

Did you ever hear the one about how a blond who works in a M & M factory got fired?

Sophomore Melaina Veiner has heard it

"They don't bother me at all. I laugh at them," said Heather Pike.

Better yet, did you hear the one about how to get a one armed Pollack out of a tree?

Laughing

Not made to be serious

all, "Some people tease me about not getting blond jokes as fast as other people do because I'm a blond. Personally, I think they're stupid because nobody teases brunettes about being a brunette."

Blond junior Margret Lowell said, "They're funny, I say them all the time, they don't bother me."

Sophomore Angie Michael agrees with Lowell.

"They never make jokes about guys with blond hair, if you pick on one sex, why not on the other," said sophomore Amy Nemeth.

Sophomore Jon Lukowski with the letters "ski" on his last name said, "They're (the dumb Pollack jokes) funny, but stupid, you could say them about anybody, why Polish people?"

Freshman Tom Kaminski said, "I think Polish jokes are funny to an extent, but after you hear them for such a long time they just get old."

I know there's a lot of you who laugh at these jokes and then turn around and say that was rude or mean. Shouldn't it be the other way around, perhaps we should stick to the old cliché, "Think before you speak."

By the way, the blond threw away all the W's at the M&M factory and say hi to the one armed Pollack.

Blond as can be, sophomore Crystal Moore takes off down the hallway at full speed to avoid getting her last tardy, which can lead to a Saturday class. (Westmoreland photo)



Kris Taylor
Lisa Taylor
Monica Teso
Joe Thien
Michael Thompson
Shawn Thompson
Sherry Thompson

Brian Thron
Bryan Tidwell
Laura Tighe
Virginia Tillman
Christina Timm
Fred Tokarchuck
Chris Torres

Theresa Torres
Joe Trathen
Chris Truman
Ralph Tschida
Chet Turner
Ryan Tuthill
Joe Urban



by Brian Graves and Shelley Djurich

There comes a time in everyone's life when they dream about a car they really wish they could have. The problem is the dream car can end up costing an arm and a leg.

Junior Shannon Little said, "My dream car is a car that runs because the car I have now breaks down about every other week."

Sophomore Steve Pollard said he wanted a 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass. He doesn't want something too expensive to drive but he does want a classy car.

"I want a black, convertible Ferrari because it's fast, awesome and it usually turns the girls heads," junior Jason O'Neal said.

Senior Robert Rosales said, "My dream car is a black Porsche because it's fast and awesome."

Sophomore Becky Detterline jokingly



Senior Teresa Cunningham takes the keys out of her purse after school to unlock the car of her dreams. (Westmoreland photo)

Looking

said a Yugo but seriously wants a Mustang because it looks nice and doesn't really cost too much.

Dream cars are usually not the first cars for most people. Usually an inexpensive car is bought for them or an old family car may be passed down. No matter what the reason is for having the car that might be handed down, one should always be happy with what ever those bank books can afford.

If one finds a car that may be affordable to slim banks books, they should go to the local car dealer and see if they can make a deal. After all of that go to the local bank and there they will do a credit check. The bank will suggest either a loan from the car dealer, finance company or a credit union. Anyone under 18 must find a co-signer over 21 to sign for your loan. If any payments are missed the co-signer will have to pay all of the missed payments.

Finding your dream car

"I don't own a car, but my dream car is a 1953 Crrvette convertible. If I ever had a car I'd get a job and pay monthly payments," said freshman Tom Kaminski.

Junior Kim Bono said, "I have my own car. I asked my dad for the car and I got it. Recently my uncle passed away and I got his 1987 Mercury Cougar."

Today, the kind of car someone might buy may affect the economy in some way. Forgein cars are hurting the American car industry and are making many car producers lose millions of dollars every year.

"I have a gray Pontiac Grand Am SE and a blue Chevy Pickup Truck. My dream car is a 1980 Ford Pinto. Just joking. I would love to have an Indy car," said sophomore Jason

Goins with a smile on his face.

Junior Jacob Adams said, "I have a white Pontiac 6000 LE. It was my sister's but she went away to college. If I could have any car in the world I would get a 1992 Red Ford Explorer."

"I don't have my own car but I'm working on it. My dream car is a Volkswagon Bug," said sophomore Mike Luttrell.

"I don't have my own car because I have other expenses right now. I am going to work on getting a car as soon as I graduate from PH.S. I would love to have a Mercury Cougar because I love the style," said senior Elizabeth Silva.

Senior Angela Mocabee said, "I drive my mom's car when I can. A LeBaron Convertible is my dream car."

A dream car may stay a dream because they probably can't afford it. Although the dream car may never be a reality, at least there's something to hope, dream and strive for.



Bryan Vallow
Angelo Vanni
Vanessa Vargas
Amber Vaudt
Todd Veden
Diana Vega
Cara Velez

Karen Vella
Jim Vernon
Jayson Vespso
Jennifer Via
Jillian Via
Jason Vincent
Christina Vlamos

Sarah Wadie
Shawn Walker
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Terry Wasieleski

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Christian Wedding
Laura Weeks
Joie Wehowatz
John Wekuk

Amanda West
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Kelly Wheelen
Tim White
Jaime Whited
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William Whiteside

Tom Whittaker
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Teresa Wilkins
Bill Willey
Heather Williams
Nanci Williams

Alicia Wilson
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Stephanie Wilson
Bill Wineland
Kari Wiseman
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Carlyle Witherell
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Tina Wittorp
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Jeremy Woodall
Roger Worak
Cassandra Wright

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Miss Phyllis McVicker: Physical Education
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by Sheri Conrick

Often the teacher comes into the classroom wondering whether it's all worthwhile, wondering whether or not they are affecting any of the students' lives.

me because she helped me when I stayed after on the computer," Frank Essig, freshman, said.

Others had different reasons for their most memorable teacher.

screams "What did you say?" and tells them to go wash their mouth out with soap," Frank said.

"Mr. Schultz did something very unusual the first day of school to loosen us up.

Impressions

The teacher connection

According to many students, teachers do have an effect on them. Each separate individual though has a teacher which sticks out in their mind for reasons all their own, but helping them in class seems to be a common reason.

"Mr. Schultz had the most influence on me. Last year I took Algebra and he helped me and encouraged me a lot," senior Phil Zielinski said.

"Mrs. Kennerjrud had an influence on

"My most memorable teacher was Mr. Fischer who I had for summer school English. He really talked to us and made us think about the future. He seemed like a teacher that really cared," Aimee Deiotte, sophomore, said.

Teachers also have to find unique ways to keep their students' attention span. These antics often stay in the students' memories for long periods of time.

"When Mr. Schultz was teaching vertical and horizontal lines he hung from the chalkboard to make his point. Now that was unusual," Phil said.

"Mrs. Kennerjrud does a very unique thing. If someone in her class says 'ain't' she

He dismantled a hamburger," Craig Garrison, junior, said.

A common misconception is that teachers have to be overly nice and lenient to be liked.

"It doesn't matter if they assign lots of homework because it has no bearing on what a person is like. Although I think they should be more lenient in some ways. For example, if you're absent they should be more lenient especially if you're always in school," Amy Archer, senior, said.

"I don't think it matters how much homework they give or how lenient they are. It depends on how much you like them," Aimee said.



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Mr. Terry Milner: Physical Education
Mrs. Jill Milner: Business
Mr. Tom Miller: Health, Physical Education
Mrs. Tammy Minks: English
Mrs. Kris Morris: Science
Mrs. Lisa Moser: Prevocational Aid

Mrs. Pat Moyers: Computer room
Mr. Robert Mullen: Science
Mr. Ralph Mundt: Government
Mr. Terry Murphy: Business
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Mr. David Ochoa: Guidance

by Sheri Conrick

Almost every adult has memories of high school, of counting days until graduation, Spring Break, first dates, sports, tests, Homecoming, Prom and much more.

Certain adults though remember these activities daily because they chose to return to

Mr. William Bodnar, Speech/Drama teacher and a 1967 graduate of Hobart High School agreed, "Of course the traditional things remind me of high school such as the Prom and the athletic events. A lot of people that I went to school with are working here

something to excel. There is so much competition," Mrs. Slamkowski said.

"There is a lot more competition now. Science-wise they've learned how to make athletes stronger and faster. There's more pressure to be better. Inst. I of giving 100 per cent- you must give 300 per cent-

Reminiscences

school in a new role -as a teacher. While teaching, certain events still bring back memories of their younger high school days.

Mr. Yan Wolfman, Physics teacher, is a graduate of school #103 in the Soviet Union, class of 1966. He feels that many events remind him of high school. "Graduation brings back memories of freedom. I was salutatorian and I got to give a speech. Sports also remind me, especially volleyball tournaments," he said.

Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz, English teacher, is an alumna of Riverside High School in Brookfield, IL. Her graduation year is uncertain though she said, "It's between the days of dinosaurs and now." She added, "Athletics bring back memories, especially Homecoming and the Homecoming Bonfire. Also Prom brings back memories, now that they are in fashion again and so dressy (formal)."

"This school does so much more than mine did it's so hard to compare the two. This is like a college, it has so much to offer. Certain things do remind me though like Homecoming and Prom. Also when I see photographers taking pictures I am reminded of high school because I was Sports Editor for our school's yearbook," Mrs. Majorie Slamkowski, Business teacher and graduate of George Rogers Clark High School in Hammond said.

now, so everytime I see them in the hallway it reminds me of high school. Occasionally I even teach a lesson that I learned in high school."

Some teachers though cannot be reminded by events that occur now because their memories are too unique to occur again.

"We had an Earthquake. Taschent, my town, was destroyed. It was a terrible disaster. The school building collapsed and our senior year was cut off early because it was so bad. My house still held, but others were destroyed and people lived in tents," Mr. Wolfman said.

Teachers also have a unique viewpoint on students since they were onces students. They can compare experiences to today's students. They can relate attitudes and see the changes in generations at a closer level than most.

"We weren't so mature twenty six years ago when I went to school. We were more naive about many aspects of the world. Also we did not have part-time jobs. Our job was to study hard, usually about four to five hours a day," Mr. Wolfman said.

"There is so much more emphasis on competition now. I see it more because I went to a small school. There anyone could run anything but here you have to be really good at

Remembering High School

there's no time to sit back. Your competitors are always out there. Even all year round you can't slack off. When you're out of season, you have to get ready for next year," Ms. June Shiozaki, Swim Coach and graduate of Niles North in Skokie, IL, said.

There are other differences too. "... now there are so many more things for teenagers to be busy with. Also more teenagers work now because everything costs so much," Mrs. Shiozaki said.

"School was the center of life. After school a few worked. Most of us just did homework, assignments and school activities. Only the rich had cars, unlike now when many students have them," Mrs. Kurtz said.

Mr. William Bodnar sums it up quite well in his own words. "We were both the same age and that's pretty much it. The times, the problems have changed," he said.

Mrs. Sherry Oldest English
Mrs. Debbie Ormes Bookstore
Mrs. Ruth Parks Physical Education
Mrs. Carrie Parsons Prevocational Ed.
Mrs. Lori Pavell Business
Mrs. Linda Peda Spanish
Mrs. Karen Prow Physical Education, Gymnastics

Mr. Victor Raster Marching/Lab/ Pep and Middle School Band
Mr. Forrest Rhode Principal
Mrs. Marlene Rhode Media Center
Mrs. Sharon Rothe Life Skills
Mr. Jim Samuel Asst. Principal
Mr. Bill Schott Latin, English
Mr. Darryl Schultz Math

Mrs. Kathy Schwingdorf English
Mrs. June Shiozaki Physical Education
Mrs. Kathy Shrader Math, Honor Society
Mr. Raymond Siffing Typing
Mrs. Marjorie Slamkowski Business
Mrs. Laurie Smock Math, Pom Pons
Mrs. Brigitte Snenis Spanish





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Mrs. Mary Sparicino Math, Dept. Chair
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Mr. David White JROTC
Mrs. Paula Wetse Physical Education
Mrs. Judith Wilson Custodian
Mr. Robert Wilson Math
Mr. Yan Wolfman Physics

Mrs. Donna Yakisic Science
Mrs. Dawn Yovanovich Media Center



School Board Members: Row 1: Mrs. Glenda Owens, Mrs. Sally Olsen. Row 2: Mr. John Williams, Mr. Richard Turnack, Mr. Terry Hufford. The school board met once a month to discuss issues pertinent to Portage School System. The meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend. The Board also honored teams that did well and individuals who accomplished events at the State and National level. Dr. Donald Bivens is the Superintendent of Portage Township schools. Dr. George McKay is the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Mr. Michael Berta is the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. The school board also has it's own attorney, William Suarez.

Pupils Propose Pride

By Kristine Rea

Pupils peeking at excellence exposed hidden abilities through the Academic Superbowl competition. Nearly 15 contestants on our six teams participated in the intellectual games held March 12, April 21 and May 2 with each lasting over four hours.

Because of the over 2800 students that roam the halls

of PHS, great effort goes forth to meet each individual learning demand. Many administrators, faculty and student members consider the nearly 370 course offerings the most pride inducing aspects of variety in PHS curriculum. Taught by over 146 teachers, these classes, ranging from Home Ec. and shop to foreign language and calculus, have such di-

versity, that with a little effort, students may find a learning style that's right for them and excel in any area they choose.

The success of this educational diversity is shining through with the largest number of Honors diploma recipients and nominees for the Presidential Academic Fitness award in PHS history.

Proudly, senior Jeff Bonez reads over his insert during mid term graduation ceremony. Sixty-nine graduates shared in the January ceremony.

Juniors Heather Hegedus, Missy Miller and Laura Alkire make a group effort out of their 1st hour physics homework while senior Scott Dujmoovich took the lone road. (Jones Photo)





At a Glance

One hundred forty students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and ranking in the top 10% of their class were awarded the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and inducted into the Academic Hall of Fame.

Aside from these outstanding students, 40 stringent program participants received the Honors Diploma for their undying quest to pursue and excel in many fields of study.

Over 50 students participated in the peer tutoring program in which students gave up portions of their study halls, lunch and after school time with students in the LRE program, studying areas ranging from swimming, math or just socializing and meeting new friends.



Senior Melissa Johnson assists in a dental procedure during her morning vocational class in dental. There are 18 students enrolled in the class taught by IUN professors Mrs. Audra Peterson and Mrs. Kathy Henshaw.

Concentration emanates from sophomores Rachael Hutman, Becky Detterline and Amber Chavez as they concentrate on their nutrition unit during 7/8 mod. (Jones Photo)



Take Note :

"Gym should be required because it gives people a chance to exercise and keeps their mind off school."

-Jason Hatfield, sophomore



More
than a
class--
it's life

by Kristine Rea

The beating of a heart, the exhale of a tortured breath, the manipulation of a dummy, the camaraderie of a team. Where can students ex-

Teaching of Healthy Attitudes

— *An upside
about required
classes*

— *Physical
and mental
rewards reaped*

perience all of this-- in their health and gym course.

Some consider team work and forged friendships to be the most positive products of required physical education.

"It was a way for me to make new friends, to learn new sports and to get a good workout at the same time," junior Gretchen Westerkamp said.

Senior Dennis Flanagan said, "PE is a good way to learn how to exercise and do activities, and keeps non-athletic people in at least a little shape."

Required Health is beneficial too in the eyes of many students.

"Health teaches us about how food can cause diseases, about STD's and about life itself," senior Pam Moise said. She added that after doing CPR on a dummy she feels confident that she could do it in real life.

"Because health showed the effects of alcohol and smoking on your body I think it made a lot of people think," Gretchen said.



Gently, sophomore Courtney Raico clutches sophomore Hem Chaddicks right hand as she check the pulse after exercise. This exercise was during a temporary combination of Mr. Dan Merrill's 7/8 mod health class and Ms. Bernita Adkin's 7/8 hour gym class for their nutrition unit. (Jones Photo)

Ready and waiting, Mrs. Caren Prow assists junior Missy Miller on her attempt to master a turn on the uneven bars during her 3rd. hour gym class. (Smith Photo)

Seniors Dennis Flannagan, Walter Sandoval and Ronnie Stanley diligently work on their Physics I homework during first hour. (Jones Photo)



Take Note :

"More math and science courses should be required because jobs are hard to find and it's possible to get better ones with increased scientific background."

-Jason Hatfield, sophomore



More
than
meets
the eye

by: Kristine Rea

In light of increasing need for technical knowledge to survive, math and science classes are viewed by many as the gateway to the future.

Mathematics + science = future

— *Obtaining necessary building blocks*

— *Uncovering opportunities offered*

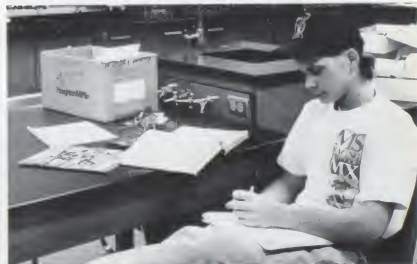
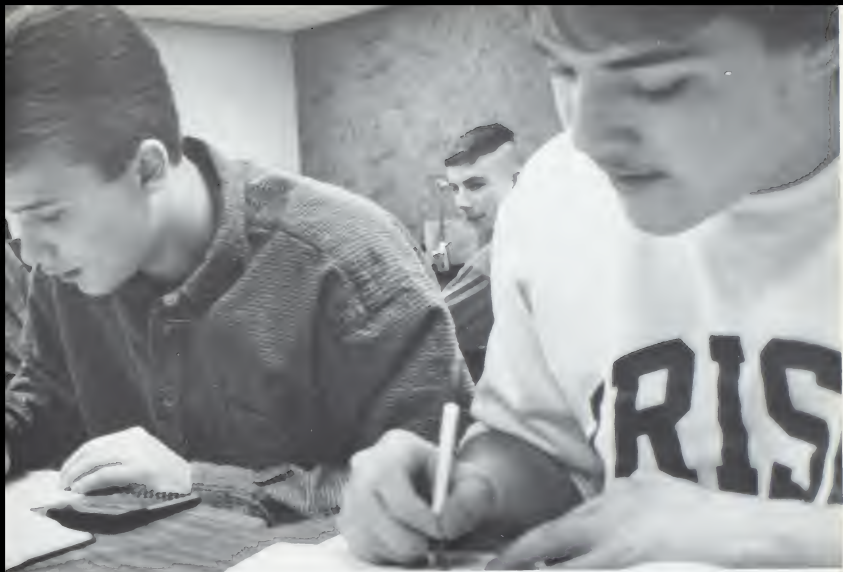
"The current math and science requirements are inadequate because the whole world revolves around math and science. They're our future; be it operating computers, exploring space or treating AIDS, math and science are the bases," senior Pam Moise said.

"To be successful in college, and life, I feel it is important to have a solid foundation of knowledge upon which to build; so science and math courses could end up being very important to my future," senior Mike Steve said.

Sophomore Julie Appenhagen said that PHS should require more science and math because a lot of colleges require three or four years. She added that these high tech courses relate to later life as well as later school.

This view of increasing requirements for graduation is not seen as a positive step by all however.

Deanna Hannon, sophomore, said, "Two years is adequate; in fact it's just the right amount to require students to take, any less would put students going to college at a disadvantage, but any more would bog down students and hamper choices classes."



Open space is essential for many Physics students, be it during labs or merely working out problems. Senior Kelly Jannasch finds the enormous lab tables to be the perfect size for studying. (Jones Photo)

Relaxation is one of the keys to learning Physics according to many of Mr. Yan Wolfman's students as displayed by senior Phil Zielinski who carefully records his calculations. (Jones Photo)

Unrelentingly, senior lawyers Ryan Babjack and Jennifer Shelton review notes to come up with witness hammering questions during the Government trial in Mr. Dennis Bond's 4/5 mod. class.

Take Note :

"Even though we lost over \$2,000 (trading commodities) and came in second to last in the contest, I had a lot of fun and learned a lot during the stock project,"

-Ben Lauper, senior



Pupils Pierce Stock & Law Mysteries

by Kristine Rea

Beware corporate lawyers and Wall Street stockbrokers, PHS students are taking over.

As part of hands on



Playing Hardball on Fast Track

learning activities in government and economics, students played the stock market pretending to live in the fastrack of computer trading and played hardball in the courtroom to exonerate or convict the accused.

"We were able to do our case however we chose and discover facts in detective fashion, interrogating witnesses. It was like we were a big shot on TV or in the movies, what a rush," senior Gabe Soukup said.

Teen lawyers presented cases to jurors instead of parents.

Senior Tammy Daghy said, "I love to debate with people and stand up for what I believe in; the government trial gave me a chance to argue for real."

Commodity projects helped introduce students to the market and enrich those already familiar with it.

"I've spent a lot of time dealing with the stock market through a teen program at one of the branch colleges so the economics stock project was right up my ally. I even picked up new information about reading stock listings and techniques for trading commodities," senior Mike Barker said.

— Exploring
stuff movies are
made of

— Old pros
pick up new infor-
mation



Murder was in the air as junior Paul Palichuk stood to be sworn in during the 2 mod. sociology trial in Ms. Christine Elibasich's class.

Defense attorneys and the witness stand for sentencing in Ms. Marjorie Slamkowski's 6/7 hour Law and You class. Junior Glenn Cox glances at his defendent junior Jon During while senior attorney Mike Duron hides behind his shades.

Team Work is the name of the game as this senior duo Juan Cardona and Jason Fisher glue their project together for Mr. Koss's 7/8 hour. (Jones Photo)

Take Note :

"There's no homework in art. Just come in and put your ideas on paper."

-Tram Nguyen, senior



More to
school
than
meets
the eye

by: Kristine Rea

Perhaps the most colorful parts of the myriad of academic opportunities available to students are the art classes.

"Because creativity is important in art classes, I'm allowed to choose my own activities and personalize my style,"



Artistic Outlet Creates Incentive

— *Pride in performance and talents uncovered*

— *Expanded freedom enjoyed*

— *Forced involvement reaps havoc*

sophomore Christa Wasielewski said.

Senior Tram Nguyen said, "Even though I only got involved with art after dropping another class, Drawing I offers me a creative outlet. Teachers give us ideas and then we expand on them."

"I started with art foundations and found that I had talent which helped me discover the creative opportunities that the art department offers," said junior Carrie Varner who is involved with Drawing and Painting II.

Although photography may not come instantly to mind when people speak of artistic expression, it has become an intricate part of the PHS art department bringing hundreds of students into the expressive art world.

"With a camera, I'm able to capture specific moments with clarity and permanence," Christa said.

The incorporation of art requirements into the honors diploma has had debatable effects on the make up of the art program.

"The art program is here for people interested in it. If people just take it to fill their schedule, then that's their problem; I simply enjoy it," Christa said.



Carefully at work, senior Liz Dover assembles her fiber creation as part of a three week project in Mr. Koss' 7/8 hour. (Jones Photo)

Going Solo, junior Shandra Casiano diligently paints her masterpiece for Mr. Koss' abstract fiber project in sculpting. (Jones Photo)

Intensely sophomore Tuan Wygen and juniors Jenna Mitchell and Pam Moise listen as Mrs. Barbara Mason distributes the Fine Arts study folders for the Academic Superbowl. (Smith Photo)

Take Note :

"In honors classes people talk more because they're more intelligent and therefore have more to talk about,"

-Pam Moise, senior



When
average
just
won't
do

by Kristine Rea

Intellectual stimulation, future preparation and parental prodding play roles the choice to pursue the most stringent line of curriculum offered, the forboding honors classes.

One reason for taking



Aggressive Attack at Education

— *Personal rewards*

— *The driving desire*

— *There's no going back*

the less traveled road is the personal reward, but others simply prefer the method of teaching.

"I love to read and I thought I deserved something for it. Realistically, there is more work, but it is worth it. In honors classes there is a better student-teacher relationship. They talk directly to you and expect intelligent questions and answers," said Dawn Haddon, senior.

"Honors classes move at a faster pace and I've found that in order to excel in a class I must be challenged," said Mike Steve, senior.

Call it a weakness or lack of selfdiscipline, but after exposure to intellectual atmosperes, some students find difficulty learning without the accustomed pressure.

Pam Moise senior said she doesn't like taking regular classes because she can't seem to take them seriously; so she doesn't do as well in them. "Honors students are a different kind of people than regular peers. For honors students, high school isn't the end of the line but the beginning of the future," added Pam.



Academic Superbowl team

Front Row: Kristine Rea, Jenna Mitchell, Christine Kish. **Row 2:** Andedriel Cradle, Jennifer Shelton, Miles Savin. **Back Row:** Mike Steve, Ed Toffeu, Jon Gonzalez, Chad Beatty, Peter Frick. (Crosslin Photo)

Viciously, junior Gretchen Westerkamp stabs junior Joe Posavac in the back during an updated version of the scene "Murder of Banquo" from *Macbeth* performed in Mrs. Sherry Ohlfest's 3 mod. honors English class. (Torres Photo)

Researching their final exam debate for Mrs. Linda Hick's 7/8 class, sophomore Chris Rockwell and junior Jason O'Neal use the buddy system. Jason said although he lost his debate concerning requiring a change in the structure of the US Supreme Court, he learned a lot and had fun. (Jones Photo)

Take Note:

"Involvement with Spanish classes helped me realize just how difficult it really is to learn another language,"

-Jennifer Sandberg, sophomore



Other
places;
new
ideas

by Kristine M. Rea

Words are the pathway to greatness according to many people, so it only makes sense that PHS would offer its student body so many classes to teach



Foreign & American Intertwined

them how to communicate.

To learn to use their native tongue students participate in a speech class.

"My speech class helped me to learn to organize my thoughts and express them effectively. It helped me gain confidence in my ability to speak enabling me to feel more comfortable doing so," senior Julie Witka said.

"Initially I wanted to be a lawyer and thought debate might help me find out usefull stuff for the future. After taking the class though, I discovered being a lawyer isn't for me since I can't argue my points well, but I still learned a lot about expression," sophomore Jennifer Neely said.

Aside from learning English communication, students have the capacity to chose from five foreign langauges, including Mandarin Chinese.

Some students initially take a foreign language to be attractive college applicants and discover an unknown love for the language.

Sophomore Jennifer Kelly said, "I've been studying Spanish since eighth grade before I was concerned with college. I've stayed with it because I enjoy the language."

— Oral
expression and
confidence
learned

— Learning
to love a
different
tongue



Mandatory recycling was vigorously debated by sophomore Joe Clasen and junior Renae Deperio during their 7/8 hour debate class with Mrs. Linda Hicks. (Reber Photo)

Intently concentrating on the Spanish recording, junior Pat Donelson tries to pick up the foreign phrases. He said he chose Spanish mainly because he thought he would more readily absorb that particular tongue. Pat was a student during Mrs. Agripina Monsivias's 7/8 hour Spanish I class. (Reber Photo)

Meticulously, junior Max Hutka removes excess oil from beneath his assigned automobile during his AutoMechanics I vocational class. (Jones Photo)



Take Note :

"Business ownership lab is great because business is something I consider doing in the future. It's also set up like a college class so it will help me then too,"

-Leslie Kirk, senior



Some Get a Leg Up on Real Life

by Kristine Rea

Words of wisdom repeated time and again by adults are that high school years should be used to explore options and discover potentials.

Many students took

Words of Wisdom Taken to Heart

— *Performing more than book work*

this advice with a twist. By participating in the vocational program, students got to experience real life occupations.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to go into health care so I took the Health Occupations class to get my feet wet. After taking the certified nursing assistance course, I'm sure that's what I want to do," senior Heather Rogers said.

Because these classes are intense hands on study programs, aside from testing the waters of future careers, students may have an advantage over purely academic peers.

"During my certifying course I picked up knowledge about medical terminology, anatomy and different diseases; I think since I already have some background in these areas now, I'll be a step up from my peers who only studied in classrooms," Heather said.

Senior Mike Lowe said, "Taking diesel mechanics gave me training I'll cherish for a life time and an understanding of the real world."

— *Career options uncovered*



Looking for a much needed socket, junior Robert Chavas searches through the tool box. He spent hours 7/8 - 10 in Mr. Jon Soliday's Auto Mechanics I class. (Jones Photo)

Stripping up negatives, junior Chris Lackey and senior Rob Simmons work together during Mr. Marty Troglio's vocational printing class. (Reber Photo)

Powerfully, senior Tony Jenk kneads his pie crust during his 7/8 hour Beginning Foods class. (Pride photo)

Take Note :

There's a lot of different people in Home Ec. so it's a good learning experience in getting along with various types of people.

-Carrie Perkins, junior



by Kristine Rea

While searching for classes with open communication and inventive design, many inquisitive students are discovering the rewarding aspects of culinary wisdom in their Home Ec. classes.

Sophomore Crystal Miltenburger said, "I like to cook, bake and eat so Home Economics is a natu-

A little
hands
on goes
a long
way

Experience Kitchen Art

— *Learning
in more than
traditional
ways*

— *Domestic
engineering
taught to more
students*

ral class for me. Besides it's more fun than a regular academic class because we're pretty independent, and if we mess up the first time we can simply do it over. I'm not a very good cook now but I'm learning."

Some students owe their interest in cooking to parental rearing.

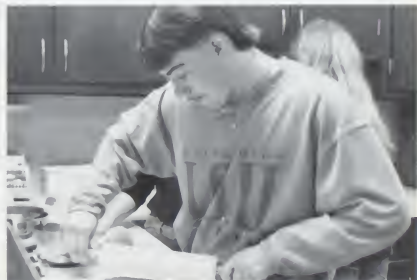
Junior Bill Lawson said, "I first took an interest in cooking in sixth grade when my mom began to teach me to cook so when I reached PHS I decided to take some Home Ec. classes." Although he admits some people take the classes for a blow off hour, many more take them as a result of a serious interest in kitchen art.

One of these serious students is junior Carrie Perkins who plans to attend a culinary school after graduation to become a chef.

Carrie said, "Since I enjoy cooking, Home Ec. is a perfect class for me. When I was a kid I used to watch my parents, and from then on I've been hooked. Since Home Ec. is a hands on class it's more fun than the traditional academically inclined classes." Carrie added that they learn nutritional values and dietary about all the foods they cook.

Contrary to popular consensus, however, Home Ec. isn't just cooking. There are classes in sewing, clothing, textile, independent living and housing all of which offer students a chance to broaden their domestic horizons





Gently junior Dawn Miller mixes the yeast dough ingredients while junior Bill Lawson coaches. (Reber photo)

Intently concentrating, junior Mickey Hebda rolls out his pie crust during Ms. Sharon Rothe's 7/8 hour class. This was one of the three to four projects which he did in the bread and cereals food group. (Pride Photo)

Busy Bees sophomore Bob Scholebo and senior Dale Lindstrom make their loaf of bread during their 9 mod. (JenningsPhoto)

Playfully, sophomore Christy Lewis, peer tutor, opens wide as freshman Dewayne Clanton aims; senior John Wardecki, peer tutor, watches. (Jennings Photo)

Take Note :

- The Least Restrictive Environment program (LRE) is for students with moderate and severe disabilities.
- LRE teaches students to be as independent as possible in their future lives and to be productive citizens.

Along with the great support the 3 year old program has received from teachers, over fifty students volunteered their study halls, some lunches and portions of their after school time to be peer tutors for their LRE peers and to make new friends.



A step
towards
ever
bright
futures

by: Kristine Rea

Before the creative teaching method of LRE was developed, students with disabilities attended the Special Education Learning Facility (SELF). Because of their unusual background, these now official PHS students have a new perspective on this sometimes under appreciated school. Many take

"I learn a lot more especially about math and get to ride the bus with my friends," said junior Melvin Evans.

By choice, senior Dale Lindstrom has taken swimming a couple of times and is helped by senior Anthony Duron his peer tutor.

Special relationships are given a chance to develop.

Finding Friends Through LRE

— Valuable relationships formed

— Discovering potentials and opportunities

— Exchanging ideas proves beneficial

advantage of the social activities.

Senior Mike Thorn said he likes being involved with clubs. He's participated as the only male member in Pep Club and as being the girls' basketball manager.

PHS is better than SELF because, "I get to meet a lot of people," said junior, Melissa Rivera. Melissa enjoys Intramural bowling along with her peer tutor.

Academic possibilities are also recognized.

Dale said, "I got to meet Mr. Rhode. We're good friends and sometimes he buys me donuts."

During this program each student's junior and senior year is spent searching for paying jobs within the community.

Melissa works at Bryan's Florist in Portage and Dale recently became a member of the PHS cafeteria staff. While Mike is still looking for a paying job, he is an aide for the attendance office and the media center.



Stretching across the recently made snack bags, freshman James Poe places another one on the stack. (Rea Photo)

Diligently peer tutor, junior Gertie Fusko helps to prepare tags for Christmas gifts. (Jennings photo)

Members of the Pre-Vocational Ed. Dept., freshman Sam Field, sophomore Kevin Napier, freshman Curtis Oakley and juniors Dennis Cook and Chris Rogers, select the days' musical agenda while on their annual Dunes trip.

Take Note :

"When ALPHA Hand class went to Bankruptcy Court the case was very emotional. It was an educational as well as exciting trip,"

-Daneen Hatch, senior



There's
More
Than One
Way to
Teach a
Kid

by Kristine Rea

To most students a day away from the doldrums of everyday classes is a blessed event and if its excused as well, the event is looked upon

Travelling Quest for Knowledge

— Education on the run proves advantageous

— To each his own, there's something for everyone

with adoration. Few even give a second thought as to the reason for the reprieve; they're just happy for the break.

"It doesn't matter what the field trip is for; I love them all. We're out of school so who could ever have a bad time," senior Chris Haskell said.

Even though they share a similar exhilaration for the break, some students took a more practical approach to the types which should be taken.

"I'm all for field trips, but we should consider ones which we're going to learn from; otherwise, we're wasting our time," junior Amy Gregorash said.

A great aspect of field trips is they touch each participant in a unique way.

Chris said he loves being able to bring a sack lunch and stuff them to the brim with creative food, but again Amy took a more studious view by stating that she enjoyed the learning environment that field trips provide.

"It's a whole lot more interesting than being in a classroom," she said.



Unloading food, senior Leanne Shukitis helps get ready for the picnic. The Pre-Vocational Ed. students, along with teachers and teacher assistants, spent May 15 at the Indiana Dunes State Park.

Visiting the Chenoceau, the French travelers eagerly rush to their next attraction. Their voyage lasted from March 29 thru April 4.

Acrobatics wasn't the only thing members of Mr. Bill Wilke's Leadership class taught their eager students; however, it was one of the more interesting subjects of education as displayed by senior Dan Uzelec. (Crosslin Photo)

Take Note :

"I like being able to work with little kids and experiencing the joy of me teaching them and them learning."

-June Spoa, senior



Some explore the teaching realm

by Kristine M. Rea

After being in school over a decade, some wonder just what is the teaching experience. Luckily, there are two classes, Leadership and



Role Reversals Create Interest

— Not just fun and games

— Exploring the teacher connection

Cadet teaching, allowing just such role reversals; thus, the curious upperclassmen are thrust into the turbulent world of teaching.

Both classes specialize in child- student interactions, but the method in which upperclassmen learn to educate is different.

Senior Jeff Kimbrough described Mr. Bill Wilke's Leadership class as something similar to P.E. "We taught them how to play different games and be good sports as well as showing them how to make friends instead of enemies through competition."

Cadet teaching offers a more structured, true to life example of the teaching experience because, "... it takes place in the actual classroom of an elementary or middle school and shows what teaching is like by giving us hands on work," said senior June Spoa.

Senior Ginger Mikulich said "Interacting with the kids gave me a better understanding of what teachers go through with discipline, understanding student personalities and with just education in general."



Patiently, senior Michelle McConnell tries to explain aspects of math to Justin Swarkta from Mrs. Hutton's seventh grade math class at Willowcreek Middle School. Michelle said she loved everything about cadet teaching, especially learning how to teach. Michelle plans to one day become a math teacher. (Washburn Photo)

Casually tramping through the Meadowbrook Camp trails to where the leadership camp was conducted, seniors Jeff Kimbrough and Ro Guerrero prepare for the busy day ahead. Jeff said, "I like dealing with kids; it gives me a chance to be a teacher instead of a student." (Crosslin Photo)

Support shows
pride to many

Peak of our Pride

by Sheri Conrick

Pride is an important part of the athletic department. It could be seen in many forms. Everything from the cheering fans to the more organized cheering of the Pep Club, Cheerleaders, Pom Poms and the playing of the school song by the bands, pride was seen being shown to cheer our athletic teams on to victory.

The pride paid off through the accomplishments of many

teams. The Boys' Varsity Tennis team sent seniors Chad Kestner and Walter Sandoval to Regional Competition in Indianapolis, where they lost to Plymouth. The Girls' Varsity Swim team placed second in the DAC. Even with a record of 1-5 in the DAC, the Varsity Volleyball team, in a burst of pride, made it into the semi-final round of Sectionals, where they lost to Chesterton, 13-15, 9-15.

There were also many repeat performances. The Varsity Wrestling and Boys' Varsity Basketball teams both won Sectionals for the second consecutive year.

The soccer team showed pride through an almost undefeated season and through their coach's accomplishments. The team lost in the first round of Northern Cup play to South Bend St. Joe, 3-2. The team was ranked first in state throughout the season.

Senior Bill Dalton gives it his best attempt to put the ball back into play at the Merrillville game. The soccer team was undefeated and was ranked first in the State

triving to make the catch, football players showed their pride by giving up much of their summer vacation for early morning practices.





At a Glance

The girl's tennis team sent Adrienne Samardzija, senior, to Sectionals as a singles competitor. She won there, 6-3, 6-1, and went on to win at Regionals. At state, Adrienne lost 6-1, 6-0 to Deborah Porter of Marion.

The girls' Cross Country team placed tenth at State. The boys' team placed second at State, two points away from first.

The gymnastics team received a third at Sectionals and Regionals. Sophomore Rebekah Brajecki took fourth at State, second in the all-around and on beam. Julie Witka took eighth on bars.



Senior Debra Fessler intently drinks from her water bottle as she listens to Coach Renee Turpa encourage the team on to victory.



JV baseball

row 1: John Otis, Jim Clarida, Rolando Soto, Mike Kieth, Eric Rajski, Adam Bell.
row 2: Jason Trinks, Jamie Miles, Steve Rose, Cruz Rosales, Chris Jones, Steve Blanton, Coach Jerry Lasky. row 3: Assistant Coach Eric Geothel, Mike Fultz, Joe Frazier, Ryan Fenters, Steve Christian, Eric Fancher, Dave VanWieren.



freshman baseball

row 1: Coach Parker, Daymon Johnston, Cassey Palichuck, Jim Cable, Brian McCormack, Justin Posavac, David Ortez. row 2: Jim Mack, Russ Samola, Matt Goffse, Dan Shultz, Jason Dudley, Mike Hiltzley, Jacob Lemley. row 3: Roger Pele, Ryan Nystrom, Shawn Sweeney, Ryan Keen. (Crosslin Photo)



unning toward first base, sophomore Cassey Palichuck grimaces. The JV team took second at the LaPorte and Valparaiso tournaments.



ophomore JV player Jeff Chadwick takes aim as he prepares to throw the ball. They improved their record to 4-0 early in the season after they defeated Morgan Township's Varsity team 5-3.

season highlights

According to Coach Jerry Lasky, the JV baseball team worked hard in good times and bad to reach their goal of becoming Duneland Conference champions. Good team defense, pitching and hitting were all positive attributes that helped the team to a very successful season. They ended with a record of 19-9, and were 9-3 in the DAC. They became DAC champs after defeating Chesterton 9-2. They defeated many opponents by more than several runs, Hobart 11-5, Michigan City Rogers 11-5, Lake Station 13-3, Hammond Noll 15-2 and Merrillville 10-1.

The freshman team finished their season at 9-7.

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Baseball teaches discipline, pride

by april greenwell

baseball, one of America's favorite sports is a game of skill and hard work, but does all that hard work pay off? School is full of things that are supposed to be useful in the future and according to some, sports follow suit.

Freshman David Ortiz said, "Baseball taught me how to take pride in everything I do."

"It taught me to comprehend things better and it also made me think more," sophomore Ryan Fenters said.

Freshman Jim Cable said, "I learned how to be a better person and get along better with others."

"I learned that if you work hard enough on something you can accomplish it and to never give up and always try your best," sophomore Cruz Rozalaz said.

Even though some are learning valuable lessons, these have to be able to apply to life after school.

Sophomore Mike Kieth said, "I believe that the idea of not giving up, believing in yourself and helping others believe in themselves will be valuable in the real world."

"When I get out into the real world I think I will be able to be more open and to be more acceptable to other's and their faults," freshman Roger Peele said.

Sophomore Chris Jones said, "I think the only thing that I will be able to use in the future is the basic skills of baseball."

While working just as hard, others didn't seem to learn as much.

Freshman Cassey Palichuck said, "The only thing that I really learned was how to mess around!"

"I really didn't learn anything except the game of baseball," sophomore Jim Clarida said.

Freshman Ryan Keen said, "The only thing learned was not to swing at high pitches."

Although coaches emphasize different things, people tend to interpret it differently.

"The thing that I think was emphasized the most was that the little plays make the big game," Sean Sweeney, freshman, said.

Sophomore Eric Fancher said, "The emphasis was on playing as a team and encouraging others."

"The most emphasized points I remember is sportsmanship and being fair," freshman Justin Posavac said.

Sophomore Steve Christian said, "I learned a lot more things than I had ever known before and my coach helped me to take pride in what I do on and off the field. Also, to never give up working hard at the game of baseball."



“... my coach helped me to take pride in what I do on and off the field,”
-Steve Christian, 10



Sophomore Cruz Rosales releases the ball as he pitches the ball home in a JV baseball game. The JV team defeated South Bend St. Joe 6-3. Sophomore Eric Fancher was the winning pitcher.



varsity baseball row 1: Freddy Jaime, David Muniz, Jeff Chadwick, Brian Gorgei, Doug Nelson. row 2: Todd Belsha, Brent Williams, Eric Thompson, Mike Chaykowski, Jesus Macias. row 3: Coach Mark Francesconi, Matt Hendershott, Jason Solomon, Brian Connell, Jeff Bull, Mike Ritthaler, Doug Meyne, Coach Tom Levandoski. (Crosslin Photo)



Rounding third base, senior Brian Gorgei looks toward the play. Brian had two hits including a triple in the Merrillville game. The team lost 6-10.

Pulling his arm back, senior Mike Ritthaler watches the catcher as he prepares to pitch the baseball. Mike was the winning pitcher over Chesterton when they first played them in the season. The Varsity beat them 6-0. Senior Matt Hendershott had the game winning RBI.



waiting for the pitch, junior Todd Belsha stands ready to run. In the Hammond Morton game, with two outs in the seventh, Todd singled, bringing home two men to help the team beat them 5-4.

season highlights

The Varsity baseball team started out the season very well. They were ranked in state after winning their first few games. But then they slipped and lost several important games and weren't ranked again during the season. They won their first game in Sectionals over Washington Township with a score of 16-1, then lost in the next game to Chesterton 1-3. They finished their season with a record of 13-13. They took last in the DAC.

playing

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The thrill of the game, winning

by linda koehler

Is winning everything? According to several members of the Varsity baseball team it was. With an almost half and half record such as the team had, this didn't seem to be everything.

Although team members took the game seriously, the main objective was to enjoy the thrill of the game.

"It's just a feeling that you get. You can't wait to start the game," Freddy Jaime, junior, shortstop said.

For many players, this love of the game was not new.

"I liked baseball and started playing it when I was little," Brian Connell, senior, explained.

"It started when I was very young. It was kind of a father-son thing," Freddy said. "For as long as I can remember I've liked it," Freddy continued. "When you're younger, this is the kind of thing that you dream about. High school is big time when you're a little kid. I've been looking forward to it since then," he said.

This love of the game is one of the key factors that have kept the team together, even through a rough season.

"It gets tough sometimes, but that's when you've got to realize you've got to start competing a little harder," Mike Ritthaler, senior, pitcher said. "Baseball is the only thing I've done for about ten years now and I just love the game.

I wouldn't quit," he said emphatically.

Along with the advantage of enjoying the camaraderie of a team, baseball has offered it's members a creative, healthy outlet for energy.

"Being on the team keeps you out of trouble, teaches you discipline and keeps you in shape," Brian said.

"You have to practice two and a half hours every day after school," Todd Belsha, junior, said. "There's a lot of dedication to it and you've got to want to play," he explained.

But there are other reasons for being so dedicated and each player holds his own.

"I guess it's just really the whole game, but the biggest rush is when you get a ball hit to you and you make the play," Freddy said. "It all plays into it, even making a base hit," he added. "The most exciting thing is winning. If it wasn't, we wouldn't keep score," Todd said. "That's everything."



"High school [baseball] is big time when you're a little kid. When you're younger it's things like this that you dream about."

-Freddy Jaime, 11



Showing their respect for our country, seniors Doug Meyne and Eric Thompson bow their heads during the playing of the National Anthem at the first Sectional game against Washington Township.



freshman basketball row1: Scorekeeper Lisa Clark, David Newton, Clay Davis, Geoff Hatfield, Bryan Vallow, Justin Smith, Aaron Reynolds, Jason Ines. row2: Manager Jason Nohr, Dan Mann, Jason Chirila, Bill Knapp, Doug Plinovich, Daymon Johnston, David Platt, Craig Heldt. row3: Assistant Coach Dayle Crowe, Dustin Sandoval, Rob LeRose, Erik Taylor, Mike Jaso, Matt Culien, Mike Rodich, Head Coach Jerry Lasky.



as the Valparaiso player attempts to block, junior Louis Rodiger prepares to shoot. Louis scored 12 points against Andean to lead the team to 38-26 victory.

trying to push past his opponent, junior Jacob Adames keeps control of the ball. Jacob played on Varsity and JV throughout the season.



atempting to shoot over his opponent, freshman Matt Cullen releases the ball. The A team's biggest wins of the season were over River Forest (67-21) and Hammond Morton (61-13).

season highlights

The JV team ended their season with a record of 16-4, 5-1 in the DAC. They handed Chesterton their fifth loss of the season during the Winter Homecoming game by beating them 37-27. Sophomore Kurt Mattix scored seven points and junior James Kirk and sophomore Tom Berger each added six.

The freshman A team ended with a record of 12-8, 3-3 in the DAC. They placed second at the Valparaiso tourney. The B team finished 10-6, 3-3 DAC.

rising to the challenge

Giving up rivalries to compete as one

by jeff hassen

They were once known as either a Willowcreek Brave or a Fegely Warrior; however, as time evolved they came together on a cold October night to begin their high school basketball careers.

First as freshman players under first year head coach Jerry Lasky, they were able to overcome the rivalry they held between one another only a few months earlier to play together well and without many arguments.

"There were a few times when we would argue over dumb things such as a bad pass or dumb shot," freshman Erik Taylor said. "But, for the most part, we got along really well."

"There really weren't any arguments between ex-Willowcreek or ex-Fegely players during the season," agreed freshman Jason Imes.

Just as the freshman players had to learn to cooperate with each other, the JV also had to get used to playing with the Varsity team. Even though most players had been teammates on the freshman team, there still were quite a few changes to become accustomed to according to a few first year JV team members.

"I think that the coaches expect a lot more out of you than

the freshman coaches," sophomore Erik Wiseman said. "I think we learned a lot more from playing against the Varsity than playing against ourselves all the time."

Not only did the coaches expect more from the JV players, but some other people did too, according to sophomore Tom Berger.

"Adjusting to the pressure the older varsity players put on you was the toughest adjustment for me," he said.

Playing more games and in front of bigger crowds were among the other obstacles the players had to overcome to finish with a winning season record.

Playing in front of big crowds "was great," junior Scott Drake said. "It gave us a little extra push when we got tired. We were a little nervous at first, but we got over it quick."



"*"The [JV] coaches expect a lot more out of you than the freshman coaches,"*

-Erik Wiseman, 10



Trying to keep a grasp on the ball, freshman David Platt struggles with his Highland opponent. The freshman B team won their tournament by defeating Chesterton and LaPorte. After barely escaping the Trojans in the first game 25-24, they later defeated the Slicers 33-26 in the championship round.



jv basketball row1: Tina Shaw, Cheryl Fain, Amanda Hodge, Kari Wiseman, Kellie Poe, Cris Conrick, Nicole Brown. row2: Coach Sue Lipinski, Holly Msecko, Jennifer Cox, Lisa Christy, Lesa Strausbaugh, Vanessa Murrow, Debbie Haskell, Manager Jennifer Dominon. (Smith Photo)



freshman basketball row1: Jenny Babjak, Lisa Fain, Jodi Russel, Elizabeth Johnson. row2: Mandi Miotke, Kim Peiper, Yvonne Jaime, Jill Ladra, Heather Westerkamp. Barb Laczi. row3: Lori Bonez, Mindy Witt, Shannon Mott, Katie Hatala, Kristine Campbell. row4: Coach Mark Baker, Jennifer Bates, Kellie Poe, Robynne Lute, Dawn Fessler, Robin Clem, Coach Dawn Miller. (Photo courtesy of Dennis Alderson)



freshman Kellie Poe, member of the JV team, takes the ball down the court during the LaPorte game, which the team won in overtime (48-46). The girls handed the Lake Central JV team their only two losses all season.



as a Lake Central player tries to block her, freshman Lori Bonez attempts a shot. At the freshman A team Chesterton game, Lori Bonez helped the team defeat Chesterton 34-15 by scoring 15 points.

season highlights

The JV team ended their season 13-5, 4-3 in the DAC. Overtime was a very common occurrence for the JV team. They had four during the season: losing to Chesterton in double overtime (35-38), beating Kankakee Valley in triple overtime (42-39), and beating Lake Central (32-21) and LaPorte (48-46) both in one overtime.

The freshman A team ended their season 9-5, 5-2 in the DAC. They won the Portage tourney by defeating Valparaiso. The B team finished with a perfect record of 5-0. One win came when they defeated Chesterton with an entire team effort. Jenny Babjak scored a season high of 14 points, Jill Ladra scored 5 and Kristine Campbell and Katie Hatala both scored 4.

coming out ahead

Drive, ambition push teams forward

by david jennings



The Valparaiso girls' varsity basketball team traveled to the Final Four again. But what does that have to do with Portage's JV and freshman girls' basketball teams? "Valparaiso was tough on us mentally," sophomore Lisa Christy began. "Their varsity was so good we assumed their JV was as good too. When we went into the games, we said, 'we can't beat Valparaiso—we'll never beat them.' We were intimidated."

Intimidation is the key word. "It was very intense when we were playing them," Lisa said. "Everyone wanted to win."

"They're always the tough team," freshman Robynne Lute said. "They get you psychologically. We did still beat them, however."

"Everyone was always intimidated by them because of who they were," sophomore Holly Misecko said. "We didn't play up to our potential against them."

A team's potential, and if they play up to their potential, involves many things.

"We had a lot of leadership and ambition—a lot of drive," Robynne said. "We really went after our goals—everyone worked hard."

"Everyone was willing to work hard," Lisa added. "We all had special talents that made us work good as a team."

"We were strong in our abilities," Mandi Miotke, freshman, said. "We fought among each other at practices some, but not at games. At games we played as a team. We made all of our goals that we were aiming for."

When people work up to their potential, their expectations are more likely to be met.

Robynne commented, "We went above and beyond all of our expectations, actually. We set a bunch of goals at the beginning of the season and we met them."

"Most of our games were close and exciting," Mandi said. "Practices were really hard and not much fun. We were trying to meet all the goals we set, though."

The JV team was never able to overcome the Vikings, intimidation or not; however, the freshman A and B teams proved that beating Valparaiso isn't an impossible feat; they were both able to defeat them at least once.

"The emotional pre-game speeches [from the coaches] really pumped you up and got you ready for the game,"

-Holly Misecko, 10



Watching her opponent closely, freshman JV player Kari Wiseman guards the LaPorte player. The freshman A team won their own tournament by getting revenge over Valparaiso in the Championship game two days after they had lost to them by two points. By beating them in the tournament, they handed Valparaiso one of their only two losses of the season.



JV and varsity basketball row1: Doug Meyne, Walter Sandoval, Mike Tosh, Chad Szabo. row2: Jacob Adames, Jim Tinnel, Sean Smith, Coach Jay Hodges, Coach Greg Fisher, Coach Craig Buzza, Chris Haskell, Jim Pantell. row3: Tom Berger, Joe Frazier, Ryan Fenters, Brian Czapl, Louis Rodriguez, Ken Nickos. row4: James Kirk, Scott Drake, Enich Strausbaugh, Erik Wiseman, Kurt Mattis, Toby Cichowal.



Junior Jim Pantell and Valparaiso's Bryce Drew battle for the rebound during the semi-finals of Sectionals. The varsity was able to overcome Valparaiso and move on to the championship game and defeat Chesterton for the Sectional victory.

Surrounded by several Chesterton players during the Winter Homecoming game, senior Doug Meyne tries to shoot for the basket. Varsity won the game 53-50 for their first DAC win of the season.



struggling for a loose ball, seniors Walter Sandoval and Doug Meyne battle Elston's Charles Macon (31) for possession. Elston halted the team's season by defeating them in the Regional semi-finals, 57-51.

season highlights

The varsity finished with a record of 15-8, 3-4 in the DAC. Free throw shooting carried the team to a 61-56 victory over, at the time, 18th ranked Lake Central in an overtime game. Senior guard Walter Sandoval hit a jump shot with 17 seconds left in regulation play to send the game into overtime. At sectionals they were victorious for the second consecutive year. Coach Greg Fisher's third Sectional crown in his five years as head coach, over Chesterton, 59-44.

fighting to the end

Varsity repeats as Sectional champs

by david jennings

The squeaking sound of Converse shoes on the gym floor, screams from the thousands of loyal fans, the band blasting out the school song and the notorious "Go Big Red" flag flying through the tense air. It's all part of the basketball mania experience. There's excitement in the air and you can almost see it.

Taking the Sectional crown for the second year may have had much to do with the growth of the popularity of the sport.

"It has really done wonders," senior Chad Szabo said. "People really got hyped at Sectionals and Regionals. And it will bring more fans for the regular seasons, too."

The more they won, the more the support and crowds began to grow.

"Personally, I loved it," Chad confessed.

"I really didn't notice from the court. But once I saw it from the bench, I got pumped to know that everyone was there. It was a big moral booster," junior Jim Pantell said.

"At first, you look up in the stands and you're like 'Wow, there's really this many people watching me?' Then you get into the flow and don't notice it," senior Mike Tosh said. "The fans really aren't the problem though. Communication is the problem. You can't hear anyone on the court."

Communication was even more difficult after the Sectional championship game when the scoreboard read "Indians 57, Trojans 44."

"It was the most exciting thing of my life," Jacob said. "Everyone was happy and cheering. It was great."

"It was probably one of the best feelings I had in high school," Chad said. "It was a goal 1 and the other

guys had since freshman year—to finally achieve that goal after all those years—it was just great. I was happy for not just myself, but everyone else, too."

"Pandemonium!" Mike said, summing the feeling up in one word. "You don't realize you're going to win till ten seconds are left. Then it's over and you've won the Sectional crown. It was a short lived high cause we had to start preparing for Regionals the next day," he added.

While preparing for Regionals they could never know that it would be their last game.

"I really felt bad. Some people were crying," Jacob commented. "I really felt bad for the seniors cause it was their last game. They played every game like it could be their last. They played real well."

"It was really depressing," Jim said. "We didn't play as well as we could have. When you lose, you'd like to know that that team beat you, you didn't beat yourself by messing up."

"The season was a struggle. It had it's ups and downs—it was harder than it should've been. It turned out better than I think was expected, though," Jim concluded.



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“Winning Sectionals has set the foundation for years to come. It's getting the younger kids involved.”

—Mike Tosh, 12



With 3:22 left to play in the Regional semi-final, senior Chris Haskell tries to retrieve the ball before his Elston opponent. At the regular season game vs. Valparaiso the team fell in an exciting three over-time game that ended with the Vikings ahead, 74-66.



varsity girls' basketball row 1: Amy Mattix, Lesa Strausbaugh, Robin Autrey, Tracie Splingerber, Jennifer Fisher, Theresa Shaw row 2: Coach Renee Turpa, Cameraman James Platek, Leanne Shukitis, Marisa Krenkel, Debra Fessler, Kassey Reynolds, Deanne Vallow, Manager Mike Thorn.



Senior Marisa Krenkel shoots for the basket as her LaPorte opponent attempts to block. The varsity was unable to pull out a victory despite having four Lady Indians score in double figures. LaPorte won the game 77-66.

Keeping ahead of her opponent, senior Debra Fessler watches intently as she plays in her guard position. With four seconds remaining in the Kankakee Valley game, Debra sunk a basket to give varsity the victory, 50-49.



almost mid-court, senior Deanne Vallow stops to pass the ball. The squad's two DAC victories were over Merrillville (65-35) and Hobart (50-37).

season highlights

The varsity girls' basketball team ended their season at 10-10, 2-5 in the DAC, after losing to Valparaiso in the Portage sectional game, 70-40. They defeated Wheeler in the first game 58-26. The squad was unable to defend the previous year's championship title at the Twin Lakes Tournament after losing to Caston, 55-54 in over-time and Twin Lakes, 76-66. Seniors Deanne Vallow and Kassey Reynolds led the team in the Caston game with 14 points. Kassey grabbed 11 rebounds. Senior Leanne Shukits and junior Theresa Shaw each added 12 points. Kassey was named to the all-tournament team.

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Spirit helps team overcome inconsistency

by brian graves



A hush falls over the crowd as the player stands patiently at the free throw line. With only three seconds left, the players on the benches stare quietly, waiting anxiously for the turn out of the game. Patiently, she sets her sights on the basket and concentrating, raises her hands. Slowly, as if time has been slowed, the ball floats through the air.

Several of the girls' varsity basketball games went down to the last couple of points throughout the season. They faced many tough opponents during the season.

"Our consistency was really bad," senior Debra Fessler said. "We would start the game out great but then our heads would get out of the game and we would mess up."

Senior Kassey Reynolds pointed out that the whole team needed to score points for them to win.

"The thing I think the team improved most on was listening to Mrs. Turpa. She always had to repeat herself at practice and during games," Kassey added. "However, our best point was that we worked together, encouraged each other and didn't argue."

Senior Leanne Shukits agreed with Kassey and said,

"We encouraged each other to play harder."

Debra also pointed out, "we found the strong points in each other."

Some echoed her opinion. Leanne saw the season as great. "We had a better record than last year and we all became buddies," she said.

Senior Debra Fessler agreed with Leanne about the season and pointed out that they improved every game.

Though the season may not have turned out the way they wanted it to, several team members said they learned something. They learned that through hard work, dedication, pride and unity that winning is nice, but isn't everything.

Kassey summed it all up when she said, "We didn't win as many games as we wanted to, but it was a good experience for all of us."

"We never gave up. We always worked together and encouraged each other," -Kassey Reynolds, 12



Putting on the pressure, sophomore Lesa Strausbaugh hopes to force a turn-over. At the beginning of the season the varsity started on a good note by winning their own basketball tournament over Hobart (55-53) in the championship game. An intentional foul in the last three seconds of the game sent senior Debra Fessler to the line. She hit one of two free throws tying the game and then the varsity inbounded the ball and time expired.



girls' cross country row1: Carrie Stout, Michelle Olivencia, Teresa Shaw, Rachel Mahns. row2: Wendy Sulich, Lesa Strausbaugh, Marisa Krenkel, Coach Connie Bennet.



boys' cross country row1: Chris Melvin, Ron Warren, Dave Lapine, Ken Crews. row2: Dave Castellanos, Dustin Sandoval, Matt Brown, Chris Moskey, Cory McCannan, Cal Ackerman, Dan Larky, Bryon Chaudier. row3: Josh McCormack, David Bell, Jason Stepanovich, Chris Lynch, Dan Allen, Chad Beatty, Adam Davis.



Tunning, with determination, freshman Michelle Olivencia makes her way through Woodland Park. Michelle was the only freshman runner on the team.

Pushing it to the limit, senior Dave Castellanos races at a meet. Dave took 16th in the senior division at the Rensselaer Invitational. The team seemed to get a sudden burst at the end of the season, beating Valpost sectionals, regionals, semi-state and state after losing to them every other time during the season.



season highlights

The girls finished their season with a record of 8-1, 5-1 in the Duneland Athletic Conference. Their only loss was to Valparaiso. They just made it to state by placing fourth at semi-state, after taking second at sectionals and third at regionals, one point behind Chesterton. At state, they finished in tenth. Top finisher at state was senior Marisa Krenkel. At the Duneland Conference race they placed third.

The boys finished their season with a record of 7-1, 5-1 in the DAC. After taking seconds to Valparaiso most of the season, they finally pulled out an impressive victory at sectionals, romping on them 29-44, taking first. At regionals they again dominated, coming home with first, and then captured their fifth consecutive semi-state title, again over Valparaiso. At state they came within two points of taking first, 108-106.

running toward state

Teams advance to state competition

by david jennings

Hurricane Hugo? Well, . . . maybe not that extreme. Five foot snow drifts? No, . . . not quite. Just plain Yuck? Yah, . . . that's more like it.

The cross country teams had to endure rain, mud, 25 degree weather and even snow flurries toward the end of the season.

"After a while it's very depressing," junior Rachel Mahns said. "Finally, once after it had rained for days, we had a mud fight at practice."

"It did have some effect on us. Other teams would have trouble standing; it was so muddy," junior Jason Stepanovich said. "We tried to use it to our advantage. A lot of the guys run better in bad weather."

"It's terrible having to run when it's like that," sophomore Carrie Stout said. "It mentally defeats you."

Even though the weather was often bad, both teams seemed to handle it rather well—well enough to be ranked all season.

"We couldn't believe we were ranked first," Jason said. "We knew that if we were gonna stay No. 1, we would have to work harder and strive ahead."

"We didn't really consider ourselves to be that good," Rachel said. "The team was so small, we didn't think we'd get anywhere. Then the state rankings came out and we were ranked."

Both teams performed well even under the pressure, both making it to state competition.

"Everyone as a team was pleased with our performance at the end," Jason said. "At the beginning we didn't know where we'd be. It was just great to be at State and run."

Many factors have an effect on how

the team does. Of course a coach will be happy when an individual does exceptionally well, but they also would rather see the entire team finish well. That usually takes a lot of team work, which may be the most important factor.

"At the beginning of the year we thought we'd have to run individually because the team was so small, but toward the end of the season we pulled together and worked as a team," Rachel said.

"We took it one step and one day at a time," Jason said. "A lot of people tried to do it individually and we started the season out shaky. We pulled together in the end."

Valparaiso was a nuisance to both teams during the season. The girls never beat them. The boys, however, were finally able to beat them for the first time at sectionals.

"We got down because they kept beating us at first, but each time we kept getting closer to them," Jason said. "We got sick of hearing about it. We wanted to do something, so we did."

"It made you think. We had to pull together as a team. We used Valpo to get down to state," Rachel said. "Our motto was, 'Go for the Green!'"



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“It was a great year for everyone. It was like one big happy family.”

—Jason Stepanovich,

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Preparing for the race, junior Rachel Mahns puts on her spikes while the rest of the team does the same. The boys and girls teams were ranked in the top 20 all season. In the past seven years the girls have taken three firsts and four seconds at sectionals. In the past 17 years the boys have taken 11 firsts and six seconds at sectionals. In the past 17 years the boys have taken 11 firsts and six seconds at sectionals, eight firsts, three second, one third and one fourth at regionals, five consecutive firsts at semi-state, and either second or third at state for the past six years.



JV football row1: Deré, Trinotsky, Kevin Tavernier, Miguel Ayala, Jason Gome, Chris Scharler, Jeff Chadwick, row2: Tim Sinovic, Steve Rose, Rolando Soto, Tony Hammerstein, Jamie Miles, Dan Scholebo, John Ols, Brian Dawd, row3: Elmore Mundell, Jim McMurray, Todd Belsha, Brian Bales, Tom Luellman, Craig Speltz, Dan Bonta, Steve Christian, Jeff Kennedy, row4: Joe Clasen, Ryan Ashby, Andy Baker, Brent Williams, Bill Gutierrez, Erik Wuseman, Jeremy Mearns, Jay Gutierrez, row5: Jason Oneal, Tony Hart, Kevin Mattix, Pete Shippen, Paul Falchuck, Kevin Lewis, Jeremy Level, Greg Thompson, Chris Jones, Robbie Gross.



frosh football row1: Sean Sweeney, Danny Shultz, Brad Skafish, Jason Dudley, Vinnie Lewis, Sean Connor, Rodger Peele, Adam Bell, Jason Innes, Ryan Nystrom, row2: Mark Rubens, Ken Kalch, Tom Lounes, Cull Hult, Scott Fricke, Cyrus Gilbert, Roger Worak, David Czaplak, Ricky Ruschak, Jason Hodges, Ryan Keen, row3: Justin Malangoni, Mike Hill, Joe Kovats, David Newton, Coach Jay Hodges, Coach Steve Livingston, Coach Phil Wright, Ryan Gadkowski, Brad Gary, Del Lyons, David Hancock, Karl Nagy, row4: David Ortiz, Scott Reinhart, Scott Booth, Bill Knapp, Russ Simola, Ryan Allen, Kevin Filbeck, Justin Smith, Brian Thorn, Paul Small, Angelo Vanni, row5: Christen Wedding, David Skolak, Ryan Tudhill, Daymon Johnston, Mike Razur, Chris Hiller, Mike Little, Jim Hise, Glenn Ballor, Jason Levenson, Fred Castro, Ed Escalante, row6: Bill Haddox, Justin Posavac, Dan Mann, Robert Myers, Shawn Thompson, Casey Palchuck, Shawn Walker, Jim Cable, Mike Jaso, Ryan Baragetti, Josh Statton, Jason Chapman.



1 Looking for another player to pass the ball to, sophomore Jason Kennedy keeps both hands on the ball. At the JV Chesterton game the team won 3-0 in overtime with a 25 yard field goal by sophomore Jamie Miles.

a After successfully tackling a LaPorte player, sophomore Greg Thompson gives the No 1 gesture showing his team spirit. At the Michigan City Rogers game the JV team scored on two touchdown passes from sophomore Jeff Kennedy to junior Todd Belsha. They won the game 13-0.



season highlights

The freshman team ended their season undefeated, 7-0, including three Duneland Conference shutouts, Merrillville (12-0), Hobart (21-0) and Valpo (7-0).

Some of the outstanding players for the freshman team were, according to the coach, best offensive players: Adam Bell, David Ortiz, Shawn Walker, Daymon Johnston, Karl Nagy and Scott Fricke; best defensive players: Daymon Johnston, Chris Wedding, Mike Little, Casey Palichuk, and Shawn Thompson.

The JV team almost went undefeated also ending with a record of 7-1. The team's only loss was to Hobart, 19-6. They had four shutouts during the season: Merrillville (7-0), MC Rogers (13-0), Valpo (20-0) and Chesterton (3-0).

building for the future

JV and Freshman dominate season

by melissa lemond



he season went awesome." Those are the words of freshman Jason Dudley, a wide receiver on the freshman football team.

"We were pretty good all season," he said. "We all got along pretty well and put in lots of effort to give back a little of what the coaches gave to us."

Both the freshman and junior varsity teams had very successful seasons, with the freshman team achieving a record of 7-0, and the JV team ending the season with a record of 7-1.

Although some key players from both teams were out with injuries, the teams came through well.

Sophomore Kurt Mattix said that even with the loss of sophomore Danny McWhirter, who left the JV team and moved up to Varsity, "[the season] went very good. Everybody came together as a team. We all came through and the team came together as one unit and worked well together."

Jason mentioned that the freshman team also pulled together well for a younger team, using much encouragement and support to help the team work more as a unit. A good coaching staff and several key players helped guide the team to victory. One of the players Jeff mentioned was freshman Adam Bell, the quarterback for the team.

"I think the season went very, very well," Adam said. "We all executed really well." He also added that the season was successful due to a good coaching staff. "I loved our coaching staff," he said. "I wish we could have the same staff next year."

Adam said he wants to continue playing next year and into his junior and senior years. He looks up to some of the older players who led the varsity team to a winning season.

"I really looked up to Erik Scheier and John Clasen," Adam said. John was later voted Homecoming Mr. Football for varsity by his teammates.

Kurt also cited some of the more experienced varsity players as his heroes. "Mark Croell would be my hero," he said.

Jason said there were several high points during the season he will remember. The most memorable, he said, was "the Hobart game, either that or when we tried to get Coach Hodges in the shower after the last game."

"We all got along pretty well and put in lots of effort to give back a little of what the coaches gave to us."

-Jason Dudley, 9



Sophomore Brian Dowd blocks for sophomore Erik Wiseman as he returns a punt during the LaPorte game. At the Lake Central game, sophomore running back Steve Christian scored two touchdowns on runs of six and 73 yards. The team won the game, 14-6.



varsity football row1: Chris Schaefer, Miguel Ayala, Dan Scholebo, John Cressy, Adam Hodger, Tony Hammerstein, Brian Bales, John Ulin, Jim McMurtry, Steve Rowe, Bryan Dowd, Rolando Soto, Elmore Mandell, Jason Kennedy, Jeff Chadwick, row2: Trainers Ken Nickles, Brian Watson, Wendy Nelson, Athletic trainer Dan Merrill, Coaches Mark Francenconi, Larry Tharp, Craig Bueze, Bob Mattis, Dave Mattis, Pete Turpe, Terry Milner, Trainers Melissa Harding, Jennifer French, Jason Brunko, row 4: Bill Wilson, Jim Knight, Jeremy Mathis, Brent Williams, Todd Beboha, Paul Ballor, Steve Christian, Craig Spicer, Dan Stamper, Jeff Kennedy, Dan Borta, Tom Lucelman, row5: Mark Croell, Mike Torres, Kurt Mattis, Denise Flanagan, Ryan Ashby, Erik Weeman, Bill Gutierrez, Joe Clasen, Sam Jory, Duag Meyne, Erik Scheer, Ryan Babjak, Louis Ovensen, row6: Paul Falschuck, Tom Mattis, Jim Tunnel, Mike Rithaler, Jim Pantell, Jason Solomon, Jason O'Neal, Keith Krescher, Jeremy Mears, Jay Gutierrez, Dan McWhurter, Andy Baker, row7: Robbie Gross, Greg Thompson, Todd Waugaman, Kevin Lewis, John Clasen, Matt Hendershott, Jacob Adams, Brian Smolucky, Jeff Medley, Fred McWilliams, Jeremy Lovall, Chris Jones.



Senior Dennis Flanagan talks to senior Mike Rithaler before the third quarter. Senior Ryan Babjak gave the defense an early boost at the Merrillville game when he recovered a Pirate fumble to stop an opening drive. The game ended with PHS scoreless, the Pirates with 20 and the first loss of the season.

quarterback junior Jim Pantell prepares to handoff. At the final regular season game vs. Chesterton, Jim scored on a half back option pass by senior John Clasen. John and Jim were both vying for the spot of quarterback throughout most of the season.

At the Homecoming game the team ran out onto the field while the cheerleaders cheered for their arrival. The team finished in a three way tie for third in the Duneland Conference with Valpo and Chesterton.

season highlights

At the Laporte game senior Matt Hendershott rushed for 286 yards on 13 carries, and scored on the teams first play with a 76-yard run. Portage won 55-14.

At the Chesterton Class 5A Sectional game senior Doug Meyne had 2 receptions for 37 yards, 1 touchdown, 7 tackles and 1 interception. Seniors John Clasen and Mike Ritthaler also had good nights. John was in on six tackles and Mike had six assists and a tackle. Portage won 12-6.

During the Hobart game there was a severe thunderstorm warning. A few minutes before halftime, it began to pour down rain with high winds. Many fans left, but the teams still played. Portage lost the game.

Varsity ended their season with a record of 6-4, 3-3 in the Duneland Conference.

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A long lasting effect on players' lives

by sheri conrick

Being a part of the football team has an effect on the player's lives like no other activity can, according to players.

"Football has given me something to do. It has kept my life full," senior Jeff Medley said.

"Football has made me a more disciplined person. It has also encouraged me to always try to reach a goal and succeed," Jacob Adames, junior, said.

"It has taught me discipline and responsibility," senior Mike Ritthaler said.

Besides football, in general, coaches also have an effect on a student-athletes life.

"The coach (Mr. Bob Mattix) makes you aggressive. Also, he teaches us to eat the right food and drink lots of water," Mike said.

"Our coach helps us a lot. He motivates us and makes us have a positive attitude. He also tries to teach us to motivate ourselves," Jim Knight, senior, said.

Senior Bill Wilson agreed, "Our coach gives us positive encouragement. He points out what we're doing wrong. He sometimes does it nicely, sometimes bluntly but he always means well. He's only trying to improve the team."

Practices are an important part of a coaches effect on his team. This is the time when a coach gets the chance to influence his team in conditioning, both physically

and mentally.

"We practice four days a week, approximately 3 hours a night. We work on individual techniques and work out some plays," Jim said.

Many student athletes stick with football because they have learned from it and plan to continue with this sport in the future. If they don't plan on going to the National Football League (NFL) they at least plan on continuing into collegiate level football.

"I plan on playing in college at a Division I school," Jeff said.

Some are just going to play if offered a scholarship.

"If I were offered a scholarship I would definitely go and play. I don't really have a school in mind, just which ever one offered me money," Jacob said.

"I haven't decided yet if I'm going to play in college...a good point is that it would give me a chance to take my football skills to a higher level," Bill said.



"We have a very good football team. We worked hard and had a good attitude,"

- Jim Knight, 12



Senior running-back Matt Hendershott runs with the ball trying to avoid the Viking player during the Homecoming game. After dominating most of the game, the team fell to Valparaiso 21-24. At the Highland game Matt, who was named to the Duneland All-Conference team, gained 156 yards on 17 carries and scored three touchdowns, including the first two of the ball game. Also named to All-Conference were seniors Mark Croell, Doug Meyne and John Clasen.



girls' golf row 1: Heather Price, Lee Towery, Lisa Fain. row 2: Niki Scarbrough, Amy Raman, Christine Byers, Jill Biodrowski, Jenny Babjack. row 3: Vanessa Koski, Robin Clem, Shannon Young. Coach Tom Milokovic, Kelly Silverthorn, Jennifer Fisher, Erin Phillips.



boys' golf row 1: Mike Tosh, Dan Snow, Shane Farney, Wally Stahl, Glen Balar, Larry La Flower, Ryan Jones. row 2: Coach Mike Lemond, Scott Milteer, Mike Duron, Doug Plinovich, Ryan Reager, Nate Watson, Jeff Parker.



Concentrating on his swing, freshman Doug Plinovich chips on the practice green at Robinhurst golf course. Doug helped the team defeat Andean by scoring a 46.



Senior captain Vanessa Koski hits the ball toward the flag from the grass. Vanessa was the team's leading scorer and was named to the DAC team and MVP of the golf team.

season highlights

The girls' had a new coach and one of their largest teams ever to end with a record of 8-7, 5-2 in the DAC. The ladies placed second in the Duneland Conference race, missing first place by three strokes to LaPorte. For the first time ever they beat Valparaiso, 207-223, even though no individuals had an outstanding score. At sectionals the girls' came in second to LaPorte.

The boys' season wasn't quite as successful. They ended their season 11-9, 5-7 in the DAC to finish fourth. At sectionals they were unable to defend their sectional crown from the previous year and finished seventh. Mike Duron failed to qualify for state.

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Sport takes a strategic state of mind

by april greenwell

The screaming fans, encouraging coaches, uniforms, school spirit, practices, sore muscles; this is what sports are all about or so many people think. However, besides all these items, in the game of golf a strategic state of mind is also needed to win according to members.

Sophomore Christine Byers said, "Golf is a tedious sport, it isn't strenuous, it is more mental. The mental part is more in aiming and angling the shot than what club to use."

Senior Erin Phillips said, "Golf is really hard because of the mental part."

Girl's golf coach Mr. Tom Milokavic said, "Golf is as difficult as you make it. You have to make golf fun with just enough seriousness to win."

The game of golf is also different than any sport in other ways.

Freshman Jill Biodrowski said, "Golf is different because the ball just sits there and the only thing that you have to worry about is aiming and stance."

Senior Mike Tosh said, "It doesn't require athletic ability but it requires hand-eye coordination. You can't be a good golfer unless you have the mind for it."

With golf being so quiet and using a lot of mind power, it doesn't have many of fans.

Junior Shannon Young said, "When it comes to school spirit

and support with golf we get some, but there could be more."

Sophomore Nathan Watson said, "We got some support but the support we did get was for varsity. We need more support for golf itself."

The game of golf to many is chasing a white ball around a field for hours, but that isn't all true, it does take some other attributes.

"When I play, the aiming has to be perfect or I won't make the shot," said junior Kelly Silverthorn.

Sophomore Jennifer Fisher said, "I think golf is very difficult because it takes a lot of concentration and your game really depends on the day you have had. The best part of being on the golf team is the people you meet and the friends you make."

Kelly also said, "Playing golf is an individual effort. Anything more comes from inside and the only way to improve is to challenge yourself."



"The biggest highlight of the season was seeing our record and knowing that all the hard work paid off,"

-Lee Towery, 10



Vatching the ball closely, freshman Shane Farney lines up the shot. Senior Mike Duron led the team with an even par of 34 to defeat Hanover Central and Lowell on May 27.



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Difficult balancing acts develop when juggling school with sports

Juggling sports, activities and schoolwork efficiently can be tough, but certain students have proven that it is possible.

Senior Heather Smith is an excellent example of someone who can keep her grades up while keeping busy in many other ways. Senior class president, in the top one percent of her class, active in Cheerleading, Pep Club and National Honor Society, Heather is also in track. During her freshman year, Heather was also on the girls' swim team, but was forced to quit due to shoulder injuries.

"I like the cheerleading better just because I get to be involved with a lot of things. It's more organized than track, too," she said.

Mike Tosh, also a senior, ranked in the top one percent in the class, manages to keep his grades high while also competing in two sports: golf and basketball. Although the seasons do not overlap, he practices both year-round.

"I practice the sport I'm in after school," he said, "then afterwards I go home, work on the other sport I'm not in at the time, then I do my homework right before bed, but it gets done," he added.

Sophomore Danielle Robertson is involved in both volleyball and softball. "You don't have much of a social life," she said, referring to the time being in multiple sports takes out of a schedule. "Practices, going home, doing homework—you just have to get it all done," she said.

Heather said her grades improve when she is busy during a season. "When I'm busy, I know I have to do my schoolwork, so I do it. When I don't have stuff to do, and I know there's nothing going on, I tend to slack off."

Senior Jeff Medley also notes the importance of keeping up grades during the season and taking advantage of all possible free time. "Take advantage of all your free time, especially weekends, because that's the time you're usually not involved in athletics," he said.

Jeff finishes the football season and goes directly into the wrestling season. He said he enjoys the football more, because he is better at it. He added, though, that he puts a great amount of effort forth in both sports, and tries to

finish what schoolwork he can in after practices.

Mike Rittthaler, senior, is a football player and a star pitcher on the baseball team. He also remains at the top of his class. "The baseball games end at 6 or 6:30 p.m.," he said. "As soon as I get home, I do my homework for as long as it takes—as long as I need to get it done."

Not only hard work and effort help to keep these students top athletes and top students. Determination is another big factor in staying on top.

"Sometimes when I'm doing real bad and get in a softball slump, I feel like the world's ending," Danielle

said, but she said she has never reached the point of really wanting to quit. "When I was a freshman, I fell over a hurdle and broke my arm," Heather said. "I had to try out for cheerleading with a cast on my arm. I didn't want to quit. It just made me want to do it more."

"[Students who want to get involved in more than one sport] should do it," said Danielle. "It helps your grades and makes you feel better about yourself."

—Melissa Lemon

Pow Wow Editor-In-Chief



Before a tennis match, seniors Chad Kestner and Rich Miotke warm up for their doubles match. Chad and Rich both participated in tennis during the fall and soccer in the spring.

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Today's athletes, no genetic wonders

It has been said that high school athletes are bigger and stronger than they were 20 or 30 years ago. Is this because kids of today are being born genetic wonders? No, it's because of good old-fashioned hard work and practice.

Senior Scott Milteer is a perfect example of how hard work and dedication can pay off in the long run. Scott is a member of the boys' golf team. For the past two years he has been a member of the All-Conference team, and was his team's leading medalist. But, as Scott admitted, he has not always been the leader of the pack.

"My freshman year I was one of the last players on the JV squad," Scott said. "In the summer preceding my sophomore year I began playing golf everyday. By the time my sophomore golf season arrived I had knocked eight strokes off my average from my freshman season."

Scott is not the only athlete who has improved his game during the off-season. Tim Mattix, also a senior, has been a member of the football team since his freshman year. Obviously, because of the nature of the sport, football is not a sport an athlete can just go out and play competitively without the proper equipment and coaching. However, Tim said that there is a variety of camps and drills that a player can attend or do to improve his play.

"I attended the football camp held by the University of Illinois where I learned a variety of drills and methods to help improve my strength and speed," Tim added. "I also played catch with a football two or three times a week to improve my receiving technique. To improve my speed I tried to run a few times a week too."

Tim, at the time, was lifting weights and hoped to play football in college.

Senior Rich Miotke lettered in soccer every year since his freshman season. Aside from playing on the soccer team every spring, Rich said that he played in over 100 games outside school.

"When our school season ends I start playing in summer tournaments, which there is usually four or five of. Then I play in the Northern Indiana league in the fall, an indoor league for the Portage Soccer Club, and I am also a member of the Northwest United Team," Rich added.

According to Rich, not all improvements are physical.

"Just playing anytime that I can will help to improve my skills, and help in my mental maturity for the game," Rich said. "The more I play, the better I may become."

"Although running is the biggest part of off-season training for me, I also try to lift weights once in a while," Junior Lora Phegely said. Lora, a member of the girls volleyball and track teams, also said that she tries to run at least a mile or two a few times a week.

"I also play volleyball to stay in good shape for running," Lora said. "The most I run at one time is five miles during the off-season."

As long as there are athletes willing to push themselves to the limit to reach their full potential, the competition level of high school sports will continue to rise. Also, as long as these athletes reach their potential without the help of illegal performance enhancers, such as anabolic steroids, there should be people there to compliment the athlete for his or her accomplishments on the playing field.

-Jeff Hassen
Beginning journalist

Off-season play keeps girls in shape

Most athletes at PHS like to keep in shape during the off season. Students from all sports have been joining clubs and organizations outside of PHS, and even outside of Portage to be able to play their favorite sport.

Some girls on the volleyball team did just that by joining the Dunes Volleyball Club.

Junior Lora Phegely said, "This was my second year to be in the club, but I've played on the school team since I was a freshman."

The only other girl who is in the club was senior Kim Crosslin.

She said, "Last year was my first year in the Dunes club."

Kim also said, "It's a shame that more girls didn't sign up this year. Portage will never be a force in volleyball unless more people join clubs."

The Dunes Volleyball Club is an organization where you pay money for them to put you on a team. From there you will practice during the week for the tournaments on the weekends. A callout meeting was held on Dec. 8 at Michigan City Rogers High School for anyone that was interested.

In the club the girls are separated into divisions by age. The youngest class is the fourth grade,

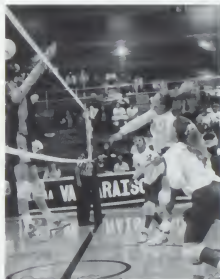
and the oldest group of girls is the twelfth grade.

Kim explains, "Tryouts were held in January. You go and they watch you play, then they put you on teams. The number of teams varies, it depends on how many people there are, like in my division there will probably be three teams."

The club was only for girls; however, according to the boys' director, Mike Mathis, they started a similar program for boys in the late winter of '92.

The only requirement to join the club is the fee that you have to pay. Lora said, "For me it was \$225, it differs depending on your division."

"Being in the volleyball club gives you a good opportunity to meet people from all over. I think the farthest we've ever traveled in the past seasons was Muncie, IN and Elm-



At the semi-finals match of sectionals, senior Kim Crosslin is in the center of this action. Kim was a right side specialist on her Duneland team, and for a brief time was the back-up setter. (Photo courtesy of Portage Journal Press.)

hurst, IL."

Kim added, "There are girls from everywhere in the club. Most of the girls are from Valparaiso, Portage, Merrillville and Michigan City, though."

The girls practiced at Michigan City Rogers High School "on Sundays, Wednesdays and sometimes Monday -- whenever the coach would get out of bed," Kim commented.

-Cristy Snellgrove
Pow Wow reporter

Students participate in Soccer Club for fun and practice

The Portage Soccer Club is a club that was started for all ages so that boys and girls could play soccer for competition.

Sophomore Tony Galati said his favorite part of the game is during a tournament when there is a shoot-out, which is when the ball is placed in front of the goal and the players try to score.

"The playing itself is the most exciting part of the game," sophomore David Kellogg stated.

Sophomore Drew McCance commented, "I love the kickoff, it's the most exciting part of the game."

The most exciting part of the game for sophomore Adam Gorden is scoring goals.

Most of the players joined for

different reasons.

"I joined because I saw the Chicago soccer team on TV and wanted to play," sophomore Geoff Butler said.

Sophomore Bryan McCullough said he joined the Portage Soccer Club eleven years ago because his brother was in it. Bryan still plays for the club.

"It gives me something to do," Tony commented.

Sean Henderson, sophomore, said, "I joined the club because my friends were in it and I wanted to play."

Along with favorite parts of the game, there were the unfavorable parts, too.

"My most unfavorable part of the game is when a referee stops

it," Tony said.

Geoff said, "Sitting on the bench is the most boring part of the game." David also thinks sitting on the side lines is boring.

"The worst part of game getting wiped out," Rob Eyerman, sophomore, said.

The club only takes up approximately four or five hours per week. Although they have different reasons for joining the club and have different views on the most exciting and most boring parts of the game, the game is played purely for fun.

-Lana McCa
Beginning journalist

Assisting athletes, wrapping ankles: all part of the job

Athletic trainers do a lot for the school's athletes: taping ankles, helping out at practices, getting ice packs for injured players and even rehabilitating them after an injury.

The athletic training class, taught by Mr. Dan Merrill, is open to all grades. However, it's not necessary to be a trainer.

"Mr. Merrill asked me to be a manager for the football team, but then changed his mind and asked me to be a trainer instead," senior Brandy Woolsey said. "I didn't take the class, but those who did know a lot more than I do and they teach me."

"I started training my sophomore year, but I didn't take the class until my junior year," senior Jennifer Frencl said.

The class, properly titled Introduction to Athletic Training, provides a brief overview of the sports medicine field: a study of human anatomy, sports injuries and treatment of those injuries.

"We take care of injuries when they occur and put the athletes through rehabilitation until they (the athletes) are able to return," senior Ken Nickos said.

"First off it's not all taping ankles. We do rehab on injured players yes, but we also do minor equipment repairs, watch practice, and tape wrists, fingers, etc.," junior Melissa Harding said.

"It's a learning experience; teaching people to work with others," junior Wendy Nelson said.

"We do this out of the kind-

ness of our hearts," Wendy commented.

Is athletic training for everyone?

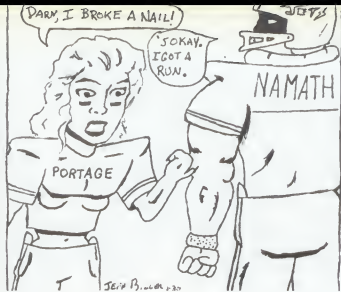
"It's a fun thing to get involved with if you're not an athlete, but you'd still like to be involved with the team," Melissa said.

"It depends. It takes a special type of person," senior Brian Watson said.

-Tanya Castellanos
Subscription Manager
-David Jennings
Sports Editor



Athletic trainers — row1: Melissa Harding, Jennifer Frencl, Brandy Woolsey. row2: Wendy Nelson, Brian Watson, Ken Nickos (Jennings Photo)



Girl football players? Guy cheerleaders?

Football, the sport of all sports. Running, tackling, passing, kicking, swearing, fighting, arguing. This is truly a man's sport. Or is it?

It seems as if there's talk about having a girls' powder puff football league here at PHS.

"I think we should have a girls' football team because there would be a lot of girls interested," sophomore Leslie Crockett said.

Many people think it's a great idea.

"I think it would rule," freshman Jamie Hamilton stated.

Even the guys think it's a good idea.

"I think it's great that they give girls a chance to play something like that," junior Chris Rogers said.

While some people think having a girls' football team would be great, they still disagree about one thing.

"Forget powder puff," freshman Sherri Stamper said. "I think they should let girls on the guys' team. I wouldn't join the team if it was tag football. Get some pads and regular uniforms and make it tackle."

"It would be awesome, if it's tackle. Tag wouldn't be any good," senior Dave Saviola said.

The biggest thing about the topic was: if you're to turn the tables around and let the girls play football, why not have guy cheerleaders, too? Many of the guys thought that it would be a great idea, but they themselves would not join it.

"We could try (having guy cheerleaders), but I don't think a lot of people would join," freshman Chad Huffman said.

"It would be fun, but I don't think a lot of people would join, although, I'd try it," Dave said.

Some responded very positively toward guy cheerleaders.

"Yeah, that would be awesome! I'd join," junior John Arredondo said.

Yet some were totally against it.

"I would never join it. I don't think a lot of people would," freshman Cyrus Gilbert said.

"It doesn't matter to me, although I wouldn't join it," freshman Daymon Johnston said.

The guy cheerleaders may not have gone over very well, but the girls' football team did.

Sophomore Quinton Shorter said, "I think that if the girls respond well to the idea, then I totally and fully believe in the idea."

- Katie Belcher
Beginning journalist

Athletes share thoughts on relationships with coaches

When athletes think about their coaches, many things come to mind. While some think of only hard work and pain, other athletes think of how it feels to work with someone who can teach them the skills needed for a sport.

"My coach can be the greatest person in the world unless you don't do what he expects you to do," senior Jeff Hassen said referring to Mr. Tom Levandoski. "Then he can have a real bad temper."

"Coach (Scott) Valpatic and I get along pretty well, but we have our disagreements mostly because of the dives I do and how they are performed," senior Christy Haines said. "But he's a good coach and tries really hard."

Some think that their coaches are good, but strict.

"My coach (Valpatic) is strict when it comes to diving, but he's cool afterward and we get along," freshman Chris Mosley said. "I think he's a good coach."

"We really don't have a relationship," freshman Jill Hudson said, referring to freshman cheerleading coach Anne Frost. "She's very strict, but a good coach."

Some athletes feel their coaches care about them more than the sport.

Junior Chuck Cooley said, "I think that a lot of coaches just care about winning. Coach Valpatic cared about our skills."

"Bob Mattix and I are pretty close," senior Matt Hendershott said. "He felt I had the talent to go to a division one college. He was always on me to take good courses and make good grades. And now I can go to one of those colleges if I'm asked."

Although athletes do like their coaches, it's not always easy to get along with them.

"I like him (Mr. Valpatic), but it's hard to get along all the time because when he pushes you in advice, it gets frustrating and we fight," senior Toby Perez said. "I know that he cares about the team and our talent a lot and we usually do get along."

Mr.

Mark Baker

(freshman girls' basketball coach) loses it when we do something wrong over and over, or when we don't understand him, but besides that, he's a nice coach," freshman Kim Pieper said. "He makes us run a lot and work hard, but it helps us win our games."

Although some athletes and coaches at PHS don't like each other, most athletes do like and respect their coaches.

-Megan Kelly
Beginning journalist



One one likes to be yelled at, but sometimes when things aren't going well coaches have to vent a little anger to get their team's to do better. During the varsity boys' basketball season opener vs. Lowell, Coach Greg Fisher is seen trying to encourage the team.

Unified sports: integration in the community

Unified Sports is a pioneer program combining both athletes with and without mental handicaps of similar ability and age to play on teams and compete with other unified teams. This program is important because it expands sports opportunities for those athletes seeking new challenges and increases integration in the community.

The program began in the United States in 1989, after two years of testing in the field. The sports that

are currently played include basketball, distance running, football, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Unified Sports integrates athletes with and without mental handicaps in a situation that challenges all athletes to improve the skills they already have. It provides a sports opportunity for those students with mental handicaps who presently aren't in the Special Olympics; especially those with minor handicaps and those in communities where there is not enough Special Olympic athletes to create a team. This program prepares athletes with higher level skills for participation in school and community sports teams. It increases public awareness of the skills of individuals that have a mental handicap. For those students in the Special Olympics, it makes it possible for their families to become involved as either participants or as coaches on Unified Sports teams. The program enables

athletes to develop friendships and an understanding of the capabilities of the other team members through a spirit of equality and team unity.

There are a variety of settings in which the Special Olympics Unified Sports program can be conducted; different groups, such as a program with a Special Olympics group or a community or church group, an intramural or interschool group after school at the junior high and high school levels, a league system at a local bowling alley, or an independent league sponsored by a business or a local civic groups. Another program would be to be in cooperation with a recreation or park association in the area. The athletes that have a mental handicap who are in unified sports may or may not be in the local Special Olympics. The athletes that do not have a mental handicap can come from the schools corpora-

tions, civic groups or other organizations within the community. The athletes on the team must be similar in both age and skill level with one another. The teams are coached by volunteers who attend a Special Olympics Coaches Training School that corresponds with the sports that they are coaching.

The Unified basketball team compete in sectionals, regional and semi-state tournaments. The state tournament was held in Indianapolis at the end of March. In 1991, the boys' team from Portage won the state tournament.

"Passing the ball well and being good with others and not fighting, was junior Glenn Angle's favorite part of the program.

(Editor's note: Some information was taken from the Sports Report, Special Olympics Indiana, May 1991.)

-Niccole Anderson
Pow Wow Sports Editor

Students express views on health, fitness in the 90's

In the age of the healthy, teenagers are in the race to keep up. Everyone's saying what not to eat and not to do; however, no one is saying what to do. They seem to be finding problems in food everyday.

"I feel eating healthy is very important because it's important to stay healthy," sophomore Cheryl Fain said.

"I think it's a great idea [to eat healthy], especially with all the problems that are affecting people today," junior Chris Rogers said. "I just recently started working out and I'm eating better—it's all part of the fitness."

Being fit and healthy involves several different factors. Students must take many things into consideration.

"I try to eat three times a day," Chris said.

"I eat three meals a day," Cheryl said. "Usually a salad for lunch—and when I eat snacks, I try to make them healthy."

"My parents don't always make dinner," junior Jason Pete said. "So, I'll eat whatever—cookies, Jello. Sometimes my mom does make a good meal, though."

What exactly does eating healthy mean? The emphasis with products these days seems to be on low, or no cholesterol and fat.

"I never really pay much attention to that, but if I have a choice, I'll pick the one that has less [cholesterol and fat]," Cheryl commented. "But I do avoid eating french fries at lunch everyday," she added.

"I used to eat a lot of meats and eggs," Chris remembered. "Now, I eat those in moderation—cut down."

"My parents don't eat unhealthy food—it's not in my house," sophomore Heather Baugh said. "I'm really not exposed to it."

"If it says on the label that it's fat free or cholesterol free, I say 'hey—more power to me, I'm eating a little better,'" senior Amy Garriss said.

Fast food restaurants have been the target of criticism when it comes to cholesterol in their foods. Most, however, have been making several minor changes to improve upon this.

"I avoid them [fast food restaurants] as much as possible, but it is very convenient if I'm in a rush," Chris said. "Even then I'll try to find the healthiest thing they have—and not eat too much of it."

Food is only one of several of the factors that health involves. Another is exercise.

"I play basketball and exercise to stay in shape," Cheryl said. "I'm always in a sport."

"I try to [exercise]," Jason said. "I ride my bike about ten miles a day during the summer."

"I don't have the time," Amy said. "If I had the time I'd probably worry about it a little more."

In a generation of health and vanity, someone's physical appearance and health are very important to most.

"I don't think society weighs health too importantly," Cheryl said. "There's so many overweight people. If they'd eat right and exercise more they wouldn't have that problem," she concluded.

"I think it just recently became aware to everyone of how important health is," Chris added. "It's always been a factor people needed to worry about, they've just started to wake up to it."

"I think fitness is very over-rated."

Amy said. "Society dwells upon it."

There's all this fitness stuff today—everyone's always worried about how they look. If you think you're out of shape, do something about it," Jason said.

"If you're happy with yourself, I'm happy with it, too."

-David Jennings
Sports Editor



Aerobics is a very good activity for the cardiovascular system. Several teachers participate in the aerobics program at West throughout the week. Nancy LaFlower and Julia Krostag (members of the YMCA) and Mrs. Kathy Shrader (Math teacher) work out during a session. (Jones Photo)



Matmaids: Margaret Lowell, Courtney O'Shea, Tina Veden. (Smith Photo)

Long hours and work in being a Matmaid

Decorating players' lockers, baking cookies, giving support and even keeping statistics—that is what it takes to be a matmaid. Along with these activities, matmaids also put in long hours after school, two to three days a week and on Saturdays for meets.

"[The hard work] is worth it because when we give [the wrestlers] support—it makes them happy," junior Tina Veden, Varsity matmaid, said.

Another matmaid, junior Courtney O'Shea, said, "It's time consuming but it's worth it."

Junior Margaret Lowell, a Junior Varsity matmaid, agreed, "[The long hours] really pay off."

Though the matmaids agree it's worth the long hours after school and the time put into doing everything from cheering the wrestlers on, to decorating the players' lockers, it's not all fun and games.

"Keeping score can be frustrating. Every place you go [for meets] is different. It can be confusing," Margaret said.

Courtney thought the long hours spent after school was the hardest thing about being a matmaid. "One meet I had to be at the school at 3:30 a.m. and I didn't get home until 6 p.m."

Despite some drawbacks, Tina and Courtney agreed that they are glad that they were matmaids.

Tina said she liked being a matmaid because, "I love wrestling—it's the best sport!"

Courtney said she enjoyed being a matmaid because of "The excitement of being at the meets."

Margaret said she liked it because, "You get to know all the guys."

She added that she wanted to be a matmaid because, "It sounded interesting and because Mr. Tharp asked me to be one."

Though it was hard work, there are moments that each matmaid will remember about the season.

"The wrestling meet against Chesterton is what I'll never forget because it was very intense," Tina said.

Margaret said she will remember when "Joe Foster squeezed [the opponent] so hard, he cried."

Courtney said that she will just remember that the wrestling team did good. "We accomplished a lot."

-Linda Tuncay
Pow Wow Feature Editor

Athletes who participate in outside sports: future skin cancer patients?

Tanning has been a "hot" topic among health fanatics for years. Everyone knows that skin cancer can be a result of too much sun.

But what about those PHS athletes that play outside? Are they worried about it?

"I only worry about it on extremely hot days," sophomore tennis player Lisa Manna said. "Then I wear a sunscreen. But if it's not too hot, I don't worry about it."

"I usually burn a couple times before I start tanning," senior softball player Kirsten Sederberg said. "One year I burnt so bad I had Raccoon eyes because I was wearing sunglasses. I couldn't do anything," she described.

"I like to get some sun," senior tennis player Kelly Jannasch said.

"I have always been deathly afraid of skin cancer—I always worry about getting burnt," sophomore tennis player Heather Baugh said.

"She has a phobia," Lisa added in response to Heather's answer. That's tanning the natural way, but what about tanning beds?

"I think I'd never go to tanning bed too much—it would ruin your skin," Kelly commented. "If you go only a little, I don't think it will hurt you."

"I wouldn't go in a million years. They're cancer coffins," Heather said. "I wouldn't do that to my body, besides I'm claustrophobic."

Tanning beds are a way to avoid those "horrible" tan lines, but when you participate in an outside sport, they are almost inevitable.

"We roll our sleeves up and sometimes wear tank tops," Kirsten said. "And when it's very hot and sunny, which is usually during sectionals, I use sunscreen."

"I had six different sock lines before," Lisa said laughingly. "You just have to accept it and try to even it out on weekends."

"You just roll up your sleeves and try not to get farmers tan," Kelly joked.

No one seems to be too worried about burns or skin cancer. Skin cancer is almost always connected with overexposure

to the sun. People who are fair-skinned are more likely to develop skin cancer than dark-skinned people.

"It crosses my mind a lot," Lisa said. "But I figure, if you avoid things that kill you these days, you won't really be able to do anything."

-David Jennings
Sports Editor



Golf is just one of the many sports that is played outside. On a bright, sunny day, freshman Heather Price concentrates as she prepares to take a swing.

Intramural basketball promotes competitive spirit

Senior Josh Fields dribbles down the court, he passes the ball off to junior Joe Taylor who goes for the shot at the top of the key. Joe sets, jumps, but senior John Clasen blocks it as time expires in the first half with the score tied at 35.

This was just a bit of the competition that could be seen during intramural basketball.

"The best part of intramural basketball was actually playing games. Back in my freshman and sophomore year I didn't play the whole game. This time I don't think I ever sat out," senior John Clasen said.

However, John stated that the worst part was the short schedule. He also said that the teams only played six games plus the

tournament. "I would have liked to have played every team once and then the tournament," he said. "It [intramural basketball] gives you something to do. It was very competitive," he added.

"It was fun for people who couldn't or can't play organized basketball," junior Jacob Adames said.

Josh said the worst part was when his coach didn't attend their final game. He pointed out that when he wasn't there, neither were they [the team] and they fell apart because of his absence.

"There weren't enough games," Jacob said. "The seeding was off and we didn't know who the best was. The officiating was also bad."

John mentioned that the

sportsmanship was pretty good overall. "There were a few crybabies, but you'll always have that."

Josh, however, said, "I feel that the sportsmanship was pathetic. Other teams ridiculed me as weak as my teammates."

Joe and Josh both agreed when they said that the thing they learned from intramural basketball was that without a good coach they couldn't win.

Jacob said that one of the biggest highlights of the program was making the final tournament game. "I did not think we would make it that far," he added happily.

-Brian Grave,
Ads Manager

Intramural Bowlers come out of the woodwork

For the second straight year, the school held an intramural bowling tournament open to everyone from PBA (Professional Bowling Association) hopefuls to the average weekend warrior.

The tournament, which was held every Tuesday at Camelot Lanes and ran for 12 weeks beginning in January, was once again a huge success bringing out 112 bowlers divided into sevens and inserted into four different leagues depending upon team skill level. Each team participated in three weeks of practice bowling to determine the league their team would participate in.

According to junior David Muniz, a member of the "Greasy Grandmas," he and his friends decided to enter the tournament just to give them something to do together. "I enjoyed playing because it gave me something to look forward to each week," he said.

However, not all participants joined just to have fun. Junior Plomer Barnes, a member of the "H.O.T." team, had a totally different attitude entering the tournament.

"I wanted to win!" Plomer said. "Last year when I was in the [the tournament] my team entered the final week only needing to win one out of our remaining three games, and, well, we lost all three. So I had to play this year because I wanted to win."

And win he did. Plomer, along with teammates Phil Gronek, Rob Will and Jen Dzubla, all juniors, took the overall first place prize. Each player received a first place trophy and a \$30 team gift certificate to Shakey's Pizza. First place winners in the other three divisions also received gift certificates, but no trophies.

Both Plomer and David said they would play again next year; however, Plomer's response was rather bold. "I hope there is a tournament again next year because we're going to repeat as champs."

-Jeff Hassen
Beginning Journalist



Concentrating on the pins at the end of the lane, junior Nate Watson prepares to bowl. (Reber Photo)



Working out on a Nautilus machine, senior Joe Guerre does a lateral pull-down. Joe was a member of the soccer and tennis teams. (Washburn Photo)

Utilizing weights for improvement, conditioning

Whether it's baseball, football or girls' track, all sports utilize weights to make improvements in their games.

Depending on the athlete or the nature of the sport, each person may start lifting at different times. Obviously, a football player will need to spend more days in the weight room bulking up than a track runner will; however, most athletes spend a great deal of their off season lifting weights.

"I started lifting with the track team before my freshman season started," junior Julie Knapp, a member of the girls track team, said.

"I began weight lifting on my own at Jim McGee's, a health club in Hobart, when I was in 6th grade," junior Jason Solomon said. "I didn't lift with the football team until my freshman year."

Athletes utilize both the free weights and Nautilus machines found in the weight room in the East building. The free weights will cause an athlete to bulk up more than a Nautilus machine will. Nautilus machines, however, are a lot safer than free weights.

Different teams lift for different reasons and to help improve their games in different ways.

"We lift mainly Nautilus weights, to help prevent injuries such as pulled or ripped muscles," Julie said.

"We lift to help condition our bodies and to strengthen the parts used basically in throwing and hitting," junior David Muniz, a varsity baseball player, said. "We use only Nautilus machines to prevent injuries caused by lifting free weights a lot of times," he added.

"I lift free weights for football because it is easier to gain weight in muscle and get bigger through free weights," Jason said. "Free weights also gave me a lot more power than I would get by lifting with Nautilus machines."

It seems fairly important to these athletes to lift weights because all of them said they lift three times a week during the off-season. They all said that they would recommend lifting weights as a way of conditioning and staying fit for non-athletes.

-Jeff Hassen
Beginning Journalist

A beach substitute: Students play Intramural volleyball during winter

The beaches are still closed, it's too cold to play anything outside, so what does one do with their spare time during the winter months? If you're an athlete whose sport is in the fall this is out of season. How should you stay in shape?

Intramural volleyball is one alternative to running or doing aerobics.

"I played intramural volleyball because I love volleyball but I'm not good enough to play on the team," Rachel Glancy, junior, said. "Besides, I don't have the time to play on the team."

"It's fun and I like it," junior Carrie Lilly said. "It also helps get the rust out of my skills for the team."

"I really love to play volleyball and it gives me a chance to get together and play with my friends," junior Melissa Bunk said.

There are several advantages that come with playing intramural volleyball.

Melissa said, "It prepared me for playing volleyball on the beach in the summer."

"It kept my skills sharp all year round—in the off season," Carrie said. "I also met some

new freshman," she added.

The matches were not called by a referee or an umpire, except during the tournament games and sometimes other problems arose.

"A lot of illegal plays went on and no one said anything," Rachel said. "Some people took it too seriously too."

"Sometimes people signed up to play and then didn't show up for the games. Teams would end up short players and have to

play with less people," Melissa said.

"Several people just could not play very well, and some just didn't show up. There were a lot of illegal hits too," Carrie added.

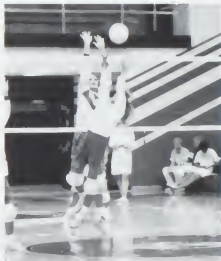
"Having line judges and referees would help improve it a little. And I think the captains should've had to have

been there the majority of the time," Rachel said.

Despite some of the problems, they all said they enjoyed it and had fun.

"The best part was having my team become champs!" Melissa added.

-David Jennings
Sports Editor



Jumping to reach the ball, senior Leanne Shukits back-sets for her teammate during a Varsity volleyball game. Several members of the team, including Leanne, played intramurals to keep in practice during the off season. Junior Joe Taylor's team was league champions by winning the most games during regular play. Junior Melissa Bunk's team was tournament champs after beating Joe's team in the championship game.



gymnastics row1: Trisha Springer, June Spoa, Tonia Highlands, Merri Noble, Shelli Gibson, Laura Weeks. row2: Anne Crockett, Jill Karner, Tammy Modesto, Manager Erica Martinez, Holly Hostettler, Tonia Jarvis, Emily Frechette. row3: Coach Caren Prow, Julie Witka, Gerrie Fowble, Cari Taylor, Rebekah Bracki, Dawn Tutko, Assistant Coach Debbie Brady.



Performing on the balance beam, junior Dawn Tutko does one part of her routine, a straddle jump. The team was ranked in the top 10 of the state's coaches poll all season.

during her bars routine, sophomore Rebekah Bracki spies the upper bar while doing an overback. At the dual meet vs. Valparaiso, she broke two school records set in 1980: first on the bars with a 9.7, then in the all-around with a 38.06.



C ompeting on the beam during a home dual meet, senior Trisha Springer poses for the judges. The JV team lost to Valparaiso on Feb. 12, their first loss in two seasons.

season highlights

The team finished their season 4-3, 1-1 in the DAC. The team's three losses went to ranked teams from this area; first to the state champ Merrillville, second to state runner-up Valparaiso and then to Hobart. At sectionals and regionals the team came in third behind Merrillville and Valparaiso. Rebekah won the floor at the DAC meet, sectionals and regionals. At state she took fourth. In the all-around she came in second (37.65), second on beam (9.65), ninth on vault (9.4) and bars (9.1). Senior Julie Witka took eighth on the only event she could participate in, the bars (9.2).

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Enthusiasm, excitement keep team up

by david jennings

"Keep your head up, look right at the judge and it's like saying, 'I dare you to give me anything less than a nine!'" Gymnastics head coach Karen Prow encouraged as she helped junior gymnast Dawn Tutko with her floor routine during a practice.

This seems to be the team's driving force: excitement and enthusiasm. The individuals themselves keep positive attitudes and encourage each other.

"We were all very excited about the season," junior Holly Hostettler said. "As individuals we were all trying to put forth 100 percent."

"This is a very tense sport because the gymnasts on the team have to compete against each other," senior co-captain June Spoa said. "In practice we were all enthused and we wanted to do better. We pushed each other a lot and tried to bring the team up as a whole."

"It's pretty easy to stay excited when you like your sport," junior Dawn Tutko said. "It's not monotonous because there's so much happening. And there's always that edge to do your best. We don't goof around at practice, but it's a friendly, workable atmosphere. We still have fun at the same time."

The atmosphere can become very tense when injuries are involved. And even after one of the team's top performers, senior Julie Witka, injured her knee again, the team still kept their spirits up and they didn't let it get them down.

"Julie came to practice the day she got hurt," freshman Jill Karner said. "She didn't let the team get down. She pushed us."

"When she did it again this year, it was a shock, but we had to keep

going," June said. "One person doesn't make up a team. Dwelling on it wouldn't make it better."

Even though Julie did injure her knee again, her season wasn't over. She continued competing on the uneven bars — which, except for the dismount, has no pressure on the knee.

Confidence that you can win is an important factor. Some coaches will tell you, "If you think you've lost, you have. If you think you can win, you can."

"The more practice we had, the more confident we were with ourselves," junior Dawn Tutko said.

"At the beginning we lacked confidence, then we built it up," June added. "We've had to overcome a lot of things."

One of those things was the lack of school coverage and immense support.

"Gymnastics is one of the hardest sports," June commented. "We have one, if not the toughest conference in the state. At our meets, the crowd all act like, 'Oh, my god! She did that flip without falling!' They're devastated."

"I think we tend to do better when more people show up," Dawn said. "When the crowd really gets into it, we all get psyched up."



“Gymnastics is a never ending sport. You can always learn more and improve.”
- June Spoa, 12



a t the rest of the gymnastics team watch in the background and encourage her, junior Tonia Highlands performs a dance element during her floor routine. At the meet vs. Valparaiso, Tonia was fourth on the beam with an 8.55.



varsity soccer row 1: Dean Yoder, Luis Olivencia, John Rhame, Steve Batusic, Jose Olivencia, Erich Squire. row 2: Scott Garzela, Dan Cardenas, Rich Miotke, Brian McCulloch, John Boyle. row 3: Chris Spear, Brian Murphy, Chad Kestner, Walter Sandoval, Joe Guerre, Bill Dalton, Coach Jim Greene.



ju soccer row 1: Aaron Reynolds, Jim Bolint, Aaron Rhame, Jeff Lay, Tony Galati, Damien Wasilewski. row 2: Cliff Barnett, Cyrus Gilbert, Joe Timmons, Jason Bernard, Mike U Leon, Alejandro Gutierrez, Adam Branthon. row 3: Coach Mr. Bob Larmie, Bob Brockway, Mari Gruchalski, Dan Sullivan, Mike Rovich, Jesse Mendez.



Putting the ball back into play, sophomore JV player Bobby Brockway continues the game. His favorite part of soccer is the competition involved in playing such a physical sport. The JV ended with a record of 10 wins-0 losses and one tie.

Senior Joe Guerre keeps the ball in line at the Merrillville game on May 18. The Varsity team had to be at the games at 5:30 p.m., even though their games did not start until 7:30 p.m., so that they could support the JV team.



season highlights

The Varsity soccer team ended their season undefeated, with a record of 14-1, 8-0 in the Lake/Porter Conference. The team was ranked number one in State all year. Even though they were undefeated, there were some very close games in which the team pulled out a victory, South Bend St. Joe (1-0) and Chesterton, (1-0). Against Chesterton Junior Jose Olivencia scored in the first minute and a half of the game.

The JV team also had five very close games. The team beat Chesterton 3-2, in overtime. The other close games were Andean, 2-1 & 1-0, St. Joe, 1-0, Chesterton, 2-1, Munster, 1-1.

slipping in the mud

Variance in fields causes control loss

by sheri conrick

Almost anytime there is sport competition people will be talking about the, "homecourt advantage," or being on "hometurf."

Usually when a person hears this term in professional sports it's referring to the enthusiasm of the fans. High school athletes though are often thinking about, especially in soccer, the condition of the field. Mud, too dry, bumps or lack of traction can affect a soccer players performance in many ways.

"Some of the fields have no traction, which makes them really hard to play on them," Bobby Brockway, sophomore, said.

"Andean has the worst field because it has a lot of bumps and that makes it hard to control the ball," Scott Barazela, sophomore, said. "Also a wet field affects the control that a player has on the ball."

"East Chicago has the worst field to play on because it's not taken care of and there is glass on it," Bill Dalton, senior, said.

The different types of fields can make a season of away games that much harder on the team.

"On different types of fields the ball tends to play tricks on us," John Rhame IV, senior, said.

"Most of our away games are played on hard, dry fields. This makes it harder to control the ball, but our play is not affected much," Joe Guerre, senior, said.

Since many people do not know about soccer fields and such, soccer does not always receive the coverage from fans and newspapers that the team feels it deserves.

"We need more fans and more newspaper coverage. We'd like more publicity," John Boyle, junior, said.

Other team members disagreed.

"Each year we get more coverage on soccer, so I think our coverage is increasing yearly," Luis Olivencia, senior, said.

"I think that the yearbook coverage is good. . . The fan turnout is mostly family and friends," John R. said.

Many of the soccer players, including John R., Joe, Bill, Luis and John B. agree the phrase that best sums up the season is "Too Legit to Quit," by Hammer.

This song exemplifies their season goal which was to win the Northern Cup. The team lost to South Bend St. Joe, 3-2 in the first game of the tourney.



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“If it is a really muddy field we try to keep the game in more control with shorter passes,”
—Luis Olivencia, 12



Senior John Rhame, goalie, stops the Merrillville team from scoring. John has played soccer on an organized team since he was eight years old and has been on the high school team all four years.



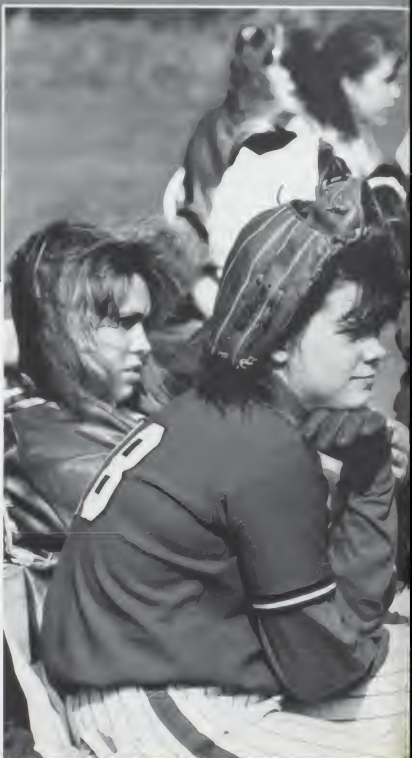
varsity softball row1: Lisa Fain, Shannon McAllister, Rosie Jovanovic, Jamie Hamilton, Kim Shuster, row2: Jodi Wahlman, Becky Ray, Karen Creech, Lon Norman, Tracy Barnard, Debbie Capinski, row3: Deanna Taylor, Michelle McKinney, Beth Cantrell, Shannon Mott, Kelly Knapp, row4: Karl Wiseman, Debbie Haskell, Lesa Strausbaugh, Kassey Reynolds, Kellie Poe.

jv softball row1: Stephanie Zills, Kim Pieper, Jamie Hamilton, Lisa Fain, Tina Shaw, Carol Wilder, row2: Heather Price, Katie Hatala, Kelly Knapp, Kari Vrska, Jenny C... Jennifer Babjak, Coach Darrell Wilder.



trying to avoid being hit by the pitch, freshman JV player Tina Shaw tries to jump out of the way. The JV team defeated Hobart 25-3 during the season.

he varsity team dominated over so many of their opponents throughout the season that Coach Dave Mattix was able to play second string players in several of the games. Sophomore Lori Norman relaxes during the Michigan City Marquette game, which the team won 16-1.



season highlights

The Varsity softball team finished their season with a record of 17-4 after losing to Valparaiso 2-3 in the Hobart Sectional championship. Their hopes of winning the Duneland Conference title were lost when they were defeated by Merrillville 6-5 in their last DAC game, which left them at 10-2 in the DAC.

Offense was one of the team's strongest points. Several games showed the team's strength and depth. They defeated Hammond Gavitt 25-2, M.C. Marquette 16-1, Hammond Morton 7-1 and at the first Valparaiso game, 5-1.

The JV team finished with a record of 17-1, 12-1 in the DAC.

rounding the bases

Proving team's ability a difficult task

by david jennings

Proving that you are an exceptional team is sometimes a hard task to do. Even though the varsity softball team turned a few heads and blew away several opponents throughout the season, including a 13 game winning streak, they still weren't given much recognition, according to players. They did however, finally enter the state coaches poll at 19 in the latter part of May.

The most difficult thing the team had to overcome during the season was, "proving to everyone that we could be ranked," junior Michelle McKinney said.

Other players looked more into the inner part of the team.

"Sometimes getting along was a problem," junior Rosie Jovanovic said. "There were some differences among the players."

"Working together was a problem," junior Becky Ray agreed. "At the beginning of the season the people who sat on the bench and the people who played had their differences."

Junior Deanna Taylor saw another aspect.

"We started out the season by losing the first two games. We had to overcome that," she said.

To overcome this, and they did, the team had to improve upon several of their skills.

"We improved our batting," Michelle said. "We were one of the strongest hitting teams in the

conference [DAC]. We needed a lot more work on our defense, though, especially against the main teams."

"We improved on communication a lot," Becky said. "And our defense. We also started working together better."

"We improved on everything: hitting, fielding, etc.," Rosie said. "As the season progressed everyone started getting along better and played as a team also," she added.

They all mentioned the same event when asked what their funniest memory was.

"Freshman Kellie Poe was on third base and about to steal home when the umpire pointed toward third saying that the ball was fair. She thought he was telling her to go back, so she didn't take home," Michelle laughed as she reminisced.

"That was the funniest thing," Deanna agreed. "Another was when the team had a party and we got caught by the cops toilet-papering Mr. [Dave] Mattix's house," she said laughingly.



“[Softball is] working with everybody to benefit the team, not yourself,”

-Becky Ray, 11



he ball flies home after senior Kassey Reynolds releases the ball. In the first Sectional game the team defeated Hobart 4-0. Then they lost to Valparaiso 2-3 in extra innings.



boys' swimming and diving row1: Dave Czapla, Kevin Senovic, Rich Fowble, Chris Fruehwirth, Donovan McKinney, Jim Meyer, Louis Bain II, Shawn Enstrom, Tony Galati. row2: Gus Crews, Jason Clements, Brian Patterson, Jeff Yates, Tony Pauls, Brian Rogers, Mike Thompson, Erik Yates. row3: Juan Cardona, Kevin Clay, Scott Tilford, Tom Little, John Zack, Dave Waechter, Jim McMurtry. row4: Steve Rusnak, Derek Fields, Jamie Serwatka, Brad Cain, Erik Stoddard, Ryan Booth, Sean Whelan, Dustin Simmons.



girls' swimming and diving row1: Mikell Daegle, Melanie Peda, Heather Hagan, Lesley Glans, Jan Klakoski, Kelly Cool, Connie Dicken, Tammy Daghy. row2: Barbara Laczi, Angie McLean, Melanie Thompson, Sherry Stamper, Gerrie Fowble, Jamie Perez, Michele Morales, Toby Perez. row3: Manager Brad Cain, Coach Mike Lipinski, Vicky Levan, Jennifer Mahns, Paula Dominick, Heather Hostettler, Christy Haines, Melissa Hilzzy, Julie Erd. row4: Coach Scott Valpatic, Debbie Warren, Melissa Szabo, Christina Wilder, Theresa Fee, Michelle McConnell, Robynne Lute, Megan Kelly.



Twisting in the pike position, junior Jim Meyer performs the last part of his dive before entering the pool. Jim placed fourth at the Portage diving invitational with 368.00 points, leading the team to a fourth place finish. He finished first against Chesterton.

Coming up for a breath, freshman Sheri Stamper warms up for a butterfly race. At the DAC meet Sheri helped the 200-yard medley relay team set a new pool record set in 1988 with a time of 1:58.73. She also finished first in the 200 individual medley.



season highlights

The girls' varsity team ended their season with a record of 10-2, 4-2 in the DAC. During the Valparaiso meet the team ended with one of their best scores losing 87-99. This dropped them to 6-2 overall and third in the DAC. At the DAC meet they came in a distant second to Valparaiso, but ahead of Chesterton by six points, avenging an earlier loss to them. Next was Sectionals where they came in fourth. The 200 free relay team of senior Tammy Daghy, freshman Sheri Stamper, sophomore Mickell Daegle and junior Heather Hagan went to state competition. They just missed the finals by one place.

The boys' varsity team ended their season with a record of 8-5, 3-3 in the DAC. They opened the season by rushing Gary Wirt 148-30. The JV team finished with a 6-3 record. Senior Brad Cain won the 200 free with a school record and the 500 free at Sectionals. Overall the team came in fifth.

racing

against the

clock

Devoted members sacrifice their hair

by david jennings



Imagine someone having so much loyalty and devotion to something that they'd shave their head, taking on the Sinead O'Connor look, as well as shaving most of the rest of their body. No, they aren't Hare Karishnas, they're members of the swimming team.

Even though it's actually only a motivational thing, at Sectional time several members of the boys' team were seen with shaven heads and legs.

Junior Scott Tilford was the only member of the boys' team who shaved his entire head. "It's supposed to make you go faster. It's more of a mental thing really," he admitted.

"It's crazy," freshman diver Robynne Lute said. "It's good in a sense. They get themselves psyched up and say, 'I'm a swimmer!'"

The night before Sectionals the boys' had a shaving party where they ate foods rich in carbohydrates, shaved each others legs and Scott's head. The girls' team on the other hand didn't shave their legs for a month before conference, others stopped even earlier.

Hair was only one of the many things the team members had to sacrifice, or keep.

"The team had a rule: 'no chocolate until the end of the season,'" Robynne said. "I had to sacrifice all junk food."

"Sleep time," junior Heather Hagan said. "You also had to sacrifice your personality. You really

can't be yourself because you have to get along with everyone because you spend so much time together."

Continuing on, Heather described morning practices. "It's like getting up at five in the morning, in the middle of winter and running into a pile of snow with no clothes on," she said. "You're half dead and asleep till you hit the water."

Senior Tammy Daghy described them as cold, hard and tiring.

"I hated morning swims," Scott said. "You're driving to school and you know you have to get in the freezing pool in your little speedo. It's freezing already. It's the worst."

Even though he thinks that it's the worst, he said it was all worth it.

"The whole season in general was just amazing," Scott added. "We came in as young team—not expecting to do much. But we stuck it out and pulled together."

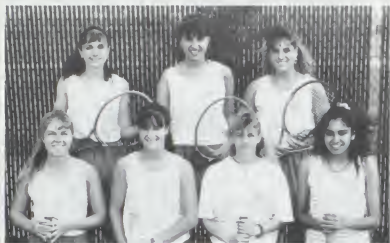
"Ever since I was little I wanted to be on the swim team," Tammy said. "My main driving force was going to State. That's what I wanted most and I got it."

"The guys on the team were great. It was like going to another home,"

-Scott Tilford, 11



Freshman Mike Thompson takes a breath during a breaststroke race. The JV team defeated Valparaiso 96-84. Individual winners were sophomore Jeff Yates in the 100-yard freestyle and sophomore Ed Guess in the 100 breaststroke. Teaming up for the team's 200 medley relay win were freshman Kevin Daghy, sophomore Steve Rusnack, and juniors Eric Yates and Louis Bain.



varsity tennis row1: Amy Gregorash, Lisa Manna, Kristi Terwilliger, Shital Sheth. row2: Kristine Roa, Adrienne Samardizja, Kelly Jannasch.



ju tennis row1: Kim Lehecky, Angie Pavlic, Kara Kitchel, Becky Gregorash, Dolora Medina, Dawn Floyd, Heather Baugh, Dawn Alaniz, Amanda Falk. row2: Evette Sanchez, Kate Beckham, Iricia Labus, Bunny Henk, Sandy Aleman, Desi Carrillo, Carla Addison, Nanci Williams, Jennifer Mantz. row3: Suzy Culig, Brandy Johnston, Teresa Rossman, Debbie Warren, Susan Dicken, Dawn Fessler, Julie Giancola, Lana McKorkle, Vanessa Murrow.



a bout to hit a forehand shot, sophomore No. 2 singles player Lisa Manna returns the ball. Lisa lost a close long match to LaPorte's Lori Minnick 6-7 (7-0), 6-4, 6-2 in the Sectional finals.

b ad weather put a damper on most all of the spring sports at one time or the other. Senior Adrienne Samardizja is all wrapped up during a tennis match in April. The Monday before Prom, temperatures dropped as low as 30 degrees.



season highlights

The Varsity team pulled out a few victories at the end of the season to end with a record of 9-6, 4-2 in the DAC. They finished second at their own Sectional, losing in the final game to LaPorte, 2-3. The No.1 Doubles team of senior Kelly Jannasch and junior Amy Gregorash won their match by defeating the LaPorte team 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. Senior Adrienne Samardizja repeated as No.1 singles Sectional champ by defeating Michelle Woods, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1. At regionals Adrienne went on to become the regional champ. Kelly and Amy lost to Marquette 4-6, 2-2, 2-6 in the first round. Adrienne lost at State.

The JV team finished with a record of 8-6.

what a raquet

Self-discipline, friendships push team

by david jennings

They walked around together in their identical sweatshirts. They spent many hours a day together. They even walked around after school with what could be considered weapons.

Some may think of this description as a gang, others the girls tennis team. They could be considered a gang, but one with a different objective; to be the best tennis players they could be. Sticking together during school and matches helped the tennis team get closer to this.

"Being friends helped us be a better team," sophomore Lisa Manna said. "The daily support we gave each other allowed us to play well during matches."

"Everybody supported everybody," sophomore Heather Baugh said. "We helped each other out."

Many things came of this support. Improvement in their playing ability was one aspect that was affected.

"We improved as the season went along," Heather said. "I personally think we accomplished a lot considering that the team was mostly new."

"I feel we improved a lot since the beginning of the season," senior Adrienne Samardizja said. "We didn't know what to expect. We accomplished all our goals."

"At the beginning of the season I didn't know we'd do so good,"

sophomore Shital Sheth said.

Several things resulted from being a member of the team.

"I made a lot of new friends, learned to work with other people, self-discipline and to keep pushing myself to be motivated," Heather said. "If you just quit you are not helping yourself any."

"I got a lot more exercise. I improved too," Shital said. "I learned to have a better attitude toward other people."

None of those things could have occurred without motivation, goals and something to strive for.

"My personal goal was to make Varsity. I didn't, but that goal kept me going," Heather commented.

"No one really motivated me. I set certain goals for myself at the beginning of the season," Adrienne said. "In order to obtain those goals I had to work hard and push myself."

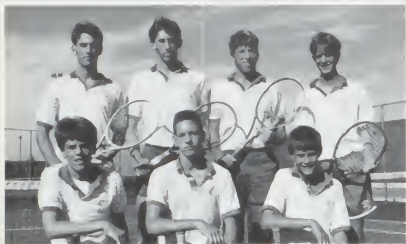
"Watching Adrienne play motivated me. She got me pumped," Shital said. "She always had confidence that she could win. She inspired me."



"We came back and started winning a lot of games toward the end of the season. I enjoyed playing with senior Kelly Jannasch,"
-Amy Gregorash, 11



Sophomore Sandy Aleman gets low to return the ball during a JV match. The JV team celebrated a victory when they played Boone Grove's Varsity team and won 5-0. The Varsity added an impressive victory to their record when they defeated 19th ranked Merrillville, 3-2.



varsity tennis row1: Matt Ines, Rich Miotke, Justin Smith. row2: Brian Murphy, Chad Kestner, Derek Herrold, John Smith.



jv tennis row1: Mike Thompson, Carl Morris, Gary Frazo, Brian McCulloch, Bryon Clouse, Matt Malaski, Ryan Vallow, Richard Nagy. row2: Jason Kolerak, Cliff Barnett, Dustin Nelson, David Robertson, Naji Watson, Brian Minick, David Platt, Chad Huffman. row3: Geoff Hatfield, Shawn Fingerhoo, Clay Davis, Sean Enstrom, Terry Polston, Tony Galati, Cal Ackerman. row4: Kevin Scott, Jay Bridges, Arlos Johnson, Scott Lindsay, Jeff Lay, Jason Reber, Mike Villanueva.



aggressively returning the ball to his opponent, senior Rich Miotke guides the ball with accuracy. Rich played doubles with Chad Kestner most of the season, but moved to the No. 2 singles spot at the end of the season.

quickly making a backhand shot, sophomore Shawn Fingerhoo focuses on the ball. Senior Walter Sandoval came back, after missing most of the season due to a knee injury, only a few matches before sectionals to pair up with senior Chad Kestner where they won the sectionals doubles championship and went on to regionals.



season highlights

The varsity team ended their season with a record of 9-5, 3-3 in the Duneland Athletic Conference.

The doubles team of seniors Walter Sandoval and Chad Kestner won the first two matches at sectionals and went on to the finals, where they defeated Chesterton. At regionals they were eliminated in the first match by Plymouth, 6-4, 6-0.

The team lost a close match to Valparaiso at the sectional semi-finals, 2-3. Sophomore John Smith and the doubles team of Chad and Walter were the two team winners. Senior Rich Miotke lost to Valpo's top player and Derek Herrold and Matt Ives, No. 2 doubles players, lost another close match. Senior Brian Murphy was also defeated at the No. 1 singles spot.

The JV team ended their season at 11-3.

striving for an ace

Obstacles prevent season from best

by brian graves and david jennings



"**P**laying tennis. HMMM? What's so terribly difficult about this?" he thought as he stepped out onto the court to battle another player at practice. With racket in hand and feet ready to move in a moments notice, he thought "All there is to do is hit the ball back over the net. No sweat!"

No sweat, hardly. The boys' tennis team played many hard matches and long hours of conditioning and practice to have a winning record and a successful season, and it took plenty of sweat.

"Tennis is not an easy sport," sophomore Kevin Scott said. "It takes timing, quickness and lots of hand-eye-coordination."

"It takes a lot of practice to perfect all the different strokes," senior Chad Kestner said.

To improve upon their timing, quickness and basic skills, team members had many hours of practice. Like the old adage says, "Practice makes perfect."

Kevin described practice as, "running a few laps around the courts, hitting practice strokes and serves, playing matches against each other and then a few more laps around the courts."

One thing that may have kept them from being the picture of perfection were obstacles.

"We had to bring up a lot of younger kids," Chad said. "It helped out once (senior) Walter

Sandoval returned. Whenever we lost it was close. Sometimes we just couldn't win the big matches."

Walter said, "I thought they did really well without me. Rich (Miotke, senior) did good at doubles. We had a lot of depth and we had a lot of people that could fill in for the people we lost."

"One (obstacle) we had was that we had about 50 some people on JV," Shawn said, "and only seven on varsity. There were a lot of good players on the team and Coach Rodney Cook had a hard time picking who would play."

"The fact that I was out was probably one of the biggest obstacles," Walter said.

Like any other sport, many sacrifices were made to participate on the tennis team.

"Some sacrifices I had to make were time with my family," Shawn said. "On match nights I would not get home until between seven and nine. Another sacrifice was study time and homework, trying to keep up my grades."

"We had the potential to be regional champs but we lost the main matches that really counted."

- Walter Sandoval, 12



Following through after sending the ball back over the net, senior Brian Murphy watches for the return. Although the team lost the regular season match to Valparaiso, they put up a strong fight. Brian played a very close match with one of the areas top players from Valparaiso, Gabe Wright, losing 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.



girls' track row1: Aaron Rohrberg, Carrie Stout, Lee Towery, Beth Kozowski, Erika Kapica, Becky Deterline, Denise Lilly, Chasity Alfaro, Candi Modesto, Michelle Olivencia, Kris tenCunningham, Tracie Splitgerber, Carrie Lilly. row2: Jennifer Johns, Terri Gertzen, Heather Hostettler, Shelli Gibson, Sherri Stamper, Trisha Springer, Mandy Miotke, Yvonne Jamie, Tammy Modesto, Emily Frechette, Amy James, Melissa Stitts, Jennifer Fisher. row3: Lora Phegley, Jennifer Holm, Stacey Ailes, Julie Knapp, Leslie Crockett, Theresa Shaw, Christine Minich, Rachel Mahns, Marisa Krenkel, Heather Smith, Mandy Witt, Lori Benez.



boys' track row1: Matt Brown, Jeremy Conner, Mike Rake, Chad Huffman, Dan Shirley, Frank Essig, John Szabo. row2: Manager Mandy Stanko, Manager Jennifer Bates, Tim Mattis, Eric Scherer, Densus Flanagan, Jason Stepanovich, Eric Strausbaugh, Dave Newton, Greg Hendershott, row3: Dan Allen, Ken Crews, Byron Chandler, Dave Lapine, Tuan Nguyen, Ron Warren, Cory McCammon, Jacob Comley. row4: Jason Mauck, Brad Cary, Josh McCormick, Mike Little, Chad Szabo, Andy Baker, Brian Graves, Chris Chelich, Dave Weachter, Al Kane, John Zack. row5: Adam Davis, Mike Jaso, Dan Stamper, Ryan Babjak, Dave Skolak, Christian Wedding, Brian Balas, Eric Hart, Mark Croell. row6: Greg Thompson, Kubby Gross, Steve Cunningham, Jaunt Cardona, Dustin Sandoval, Chris Jones, Brian Smolnick, Jim Time, Dustin Simmons, Earl Henning, Erik Wiseman.



Senior Mark Croell steps back as he prepares to throw the ball in the shot put event. The boys finished second in the Gold Division at the Chesterton Relays.



Successfully leaping over the hurdle, senior Heather Smith grins her teeth as she eyes the track. Heather, one of the team's leading hurdle runners, helped the team to victory over Chesterton when she took first in the hurdles.

season highlights

The girls' track team finished their season with a record of 6-3, 3-3 in the DAC. At Sectionals the team used their depth to place second without having any first places. Freshman Yvonne Jaime and Emily Frechette and senior Marisa Krenkel turned in personal bests. They took third at the DAC race. Freshman Sheri Stamper was voted MVP for field events in the DAC after being undefeated in the league.

The boys' ended their season with a record of 4-3, 3-3 DAC. They placed third in Conference, second at Sectionals and eighth at Regionals. The team had two state qualifiers, senior John Zack in the pole vault and junior Jason Stepanovich in the 3200. Jason finished ninth in the 3200 with a time of 9:34.84. John didn't place.

straight to the finish

Boys, girls place third in Duneland

by brian graves

They're rounding turn four. They're all neck and neck. He starts to pull away from the pack. Fifty meters left and he has a single stride lead. They pull even once again. Five meters left. He starts his lean and edges everyone out, winning by one tenth of a second. This is the ideal outcome for most runners. However, many races, and a few meets, don't always end that way.

"The highlight of the season was placing third at conference. I didn't think we would do that well," senior Heather Smith said.

"The best part was Sectionals because it showed us where we were in our area and who would qualify for state," senior Marisa Krenkel said.

Junior Dave Waechters said, "[the best part was] getting sixth at I.U.P.U.I., considering it was basically a state meet."

Freshman Mike Little said the worst thing was getting blown out by Merrillville, 48-79.

"We beat the teams we didn't beat [the year] before," junior Stacey Ailes said. "We also had a better record."

"The worst part was keeping mentally tough during cold or windy days," Marisa said. "It was a problem to overcome because we preferred to run in warm weather. When it was bad we didn't feel like doing anything."

Heather also said that they had

only one good day of weather. A lot of people got beat due to the cold.

Junior Stephanie Ailes said, "The worst part was getting beat really bad by Valparaiso, even though we still tried to win."

Most of the athletes wished they had a chance to do things over.

Junior Chris Jones said, "The one thing I would've change would've been my work ethic.

In the beginning of the year I had a back and ankle injury. I didn't train hard enough to fully return."

Dave said, "LaPorte was the worst. I got sick at the meet and I had the worst times since my freshman year."

Stacey said there was nothing much to change except to work more together as a team.

Sophomore Erik Wiseman said he would change only one thing, to get better times.

Mike said, "I would have changed our overall record and I would have had us beat Valparaiso."



“...we preferred to run in warm weather because when it was bad we didn't feel like doing anything.”
-Marisa Krenkel, 11



Junior Carrie Lilly slides over the bar as she competes in the high jump. Carrie, junior Tracie Splitgerber, senior Trisha Springer and freshman Mandy Miske ran a season best of 51.6 in the 400 relay at the Regional meet finishing in seventh.



ju volleyball

row1: Michelle McKinney, Rosie Jovanovic, Danielle Robertson, Mandy Miotke.
row2: Lori Bonez, Kari Wiseman, Susan Dicken, Lora Phegley, Coach Jody Bradach.



freshman volleyball

row1: Norma Diaz, Jennifer Reckenwall, Denise Lilly, Heather Westerkamp.
row2: Tina Wittorp, Vanessa Vargas, Jamie Cifaldi, Shawna Hess, Manager
Laura Demmon. row3: Coach Janie Sidall, Hannah Marcinkovich, Kelly Knapp, Kim Nusbaur,
Mindy Witt, Manager Lesley Cash, Manager Jen Fonner. (Westmoreland photo)



hitting the ball over the net, junior Michelle McKinney spikes down the middle. Michelle was one of three juniors on the JV team. She was also on the Varsity team.



tipping the ball over the net on the second hit, freshman Mandy Miotke surprises the opposing team. Mandy was one of the three freshmen on the JV team.

season highlights

The JV team ended their season with a record of 11-12, 3-3 Duneland Athletic Conference.

At the regular season game vs. Chesterton, the girls were victorious in a long three game match. They were, for the first time ever, able to defeat Highland in another three game match.

At the JV Valparaiso tournament, the squad lost the first two matches to Chesterton and LaPorte, but was able to beat Merrillville in the third.

First year coach, Janie Siddall, lead the 12-player freshman team to a final record of 6-7.

working as a team

Older players spark less experienced

by david jennings



"Substitution!" yells the coach as she sends in two of the six players sitting on the bench. Meanwhile, the four left sitting drink from their water bottles, for no apparent reason—why should they, they sure haven't played enough to be thirsty, as they watch their teammates play and desperately try to feel like part of the team.

This was not a sight seen this season for the JV Volleyball team. With only eight people on the team, "warming the bench" was never really a problem.

Because of the small number of people "I got to play a lot more," sophomore Susan Dicken said. "But we needed more players at practice to run drills."

"The small number of players on the team gave each person more playing time and enhanced their playing ability," junior Lora Phegley said.

The ages were well balanced on this team. With three juniors, two sophomores and three freshman, many different aspects, talents and opinions had their effects on the team.

"Rosie Jovanovic, Lora, and I, being juniors, had a hard time adjusting," junior Michelle McKinney said with Rosie agreeing. "We had to come down to their level of play to help them improve and we therefore, had no one to push us and help us improve."

"We had a different range of skills," Susan said. "As a sophomore, the juniors were examples and leaders for me."

"The older girls helped us (freshman) play better because we weren't as experienced," freshman Lori Bonez said.

"The balance of older and younger players helped," Lora said. "The knowledge of the older players was passed on to the younger players."

On a lighter, less serious side, which this team seemed to be throughout much of the season, the girls talked about some of the season highlights.

"The season highlight for me had to be playing front row against LaPorte at the tourney," Rosie said almost seriously. Five-foot-one Rosie was strictly a back-row player throughout the entire season, except for this game.

"When Rosie got to play front row!" Michelle and sophomore Danielle Robertson both laughingly joked, while being hit by Rosie.

"Being on JV wasn't as fun as last year because most of my friends were on varsity this year and I didn't know the JV players personally."
- Rosie Jovanovic, 11



bumping the ball up to the setter, sophomore JV co-captain Danielle Robertson receives the serve as the rest of the team watches on. Danielle was one of the only two sophomores on the team. Junior Rosie Jovanovic was the other co-captain.



varsity volleyball

row1: Kelly Jannasch, Debra Fessler, Kim Crosslin, Carrie Lilly. row2: Manager Greg Bradach, Manager Melissa Villanueva, Tracie Spitzerger, Melissa Stitts, Manager Carla Teso. row3: Coach Cheryl Girman, Amy Mattix, Jodi Wahlman, Michelle McKinney, Kim Shuster, Deanna Taylor, Leanne Shukitis, Manager David Jennings.



I leaping high in the air, junior Carrie Lilly spikes the ball around the opponent's block. Carrie was the highest vertical jumper on the team. She helped the team to a victory over Hammond, Morton sectional winner, Bishop Noll, with 4 kills.

b locking the ball back on the opponents court, senior Debra Fessler stops the Hammond Morton spiker's attempt. Debra was one of the six seniors on the squad. Senior co-captain Kim Crosslin was named to the Duneland All-Conference team at the end of the season.



digging the ball after a Morton player spiked it, junior Melissa Stitts plays her position as senior Jodi Wahlman covers behind. Melissa had 18 digs for the team at the Gary West Side match.

season highlights

The squads season ended at the sectional's semi-finals vs. rival Chesterton. A good effort was led by seniors Debra Fessler and Kim Crosslin who both had eight spike kills. Jodi Wahlman with six and junior Tracie Spitzberger with four. Senior co-captain Leanne Shukatis had ten setting assists and junior Amy Mattix had 14. A strong defense was led by junior Melissa Stitts who picked up 12 digs. Despite this strong showing, they lost 13-15, 9-15. In the first sectional match, they defeated Lake Station. Their final record was 11-18, 1-5 Dueland Athletic Conference.

going for the gold

Team work, effort make for better season

by david jennings



Imagine it: as the ball comes soaring over the net, you fly to the floor, frantically, hoping to reach the ball. Despite your gallant efforts, you're unable to reach it. Your opponent and their fans scream and yell in excitement as the team leads by yet another point.

Next, your team blocks the opponent's spike attempt and four or five people, who compile the miniscule PHIS volleyball cheering section, yell as loud as they can, but it doesn't quite shake the walls of the gymnasium.

"No, we don't get much support," senior Kelly Jannasch said as she shook her head negatively and drank from her water-bottle on the way to yet another away match. "Things like guy's football and basketball get most all of the attention. I think we make up for it (as a team) by supporting each other."

"We don't get any at all," junior Amy Mattix said very persistently. "People all tell us that we 'stink'. They don't even come watch us play. I think they give more (support) to guy's teams and not volleyball."

Without all this support, the team has to work harder to keep themselves motivated.

"I scream and get really obnoxious," Amy said seriously and loudly.

"I clear my mind and think only positive," Kelly said. "After most plays we slap hands and say 'team' to encourage each other. If some-

one is down we try to bring them up. We all need encouraging."

"My teammates and my parents keep me going," junior Carrie Lilly said. "If I mess up they tell me to shake it off and have confidence."

Closeness and friendship can often be an effect of being part of a team, which helps when trying to encourage others.

"The team's close because we've been playing together for a long time," Kelly said referring to the six seniors on the squad. "We all get along well and problems that did come up we took care of by talking them out."

"Our team is close, but like any other group we have our differences," Carrie said. "Just as long as it doesn't affect our playing ability."

One disadvantage that the team was forced to work around was lack of height. The tallest member of the team was senior Kim Crosslin, who stands at only five-eight.

"Our defense makes up for it," Kelly said.

"We may be short," Carrie said. "But we have high hopes and that's what counts."

"My senior year was most memorable because we worked as a team through both good and bad, and that's what is most important, to be a team."

-Kim Shuster, 12



Working together as a team is an important aspect of volleyball. Here, the girls keep the adrenaline going by cheering "1-2-3 team!" after a successful play. One of the high peaks of the season for the team was when they defeated MC Elston in a long match, (15-12, 13-15, 15-12), and then lost another long match against DAC rivals LaPorte, (11-15, 16-14, 14-16). Senior Kim Crosslin lead both nights in kills, 13 and 17 respectively.



wrestling row 1: Brandon McKinney, Jason Alaniz, Jeremy Rivas, Byron Chandler, Jason Dudley, Karl Nagy. row 2: Mark Joseph, Eric Thompson, Ken Marrs, Brent Williams, Paul Palichuk, Andy Baker, Jeff Medley. row 3: Paul Chandler, Glenn Baker, Jim Vernon, Joe Foster, David Roman, Roger Peele, Carlyle Withersell. row 4: Coach Bruce Sherriff, Mark Greshalski, Tim Hall, Steve Letic, Bill Haddox, Casey Palichuk, Rian Banogon, Chris Truman, Coach Larry Tharp.



At semi-state, junior Paul Palichuk locks-up on his opponent. Paul was eliminated in the second round by South Bend Clay's Craig Nowacki. He won his first match by pin at 3:04, pulling out a match he'd trailed. Paul's final record was 25-9, at 171 lbs.

Sophomore Brandon McKinney performs a lateral throw on his opponent. Brandon defeated Valparaiso's Matt Friesse at 103 lbs, 15-0, at the DAC meet. At the season opener, the varsity defeated Hobart by two points, 28-26.

crawling from his Western opponent, sophomore Byron Chandler attempts to win the match. The Varsity and the JV both crushed Valparaiso, 45-12 and 56-16.

season highlights

The Varsity wrestling team finished their season 10-1, and took second place in the DAC with a 5-1 record. They repeated as sectional champs and they took fourth at regionals and fourteenth at semi-state. Three wrestlers traveled to semi-state competition: Jeremy Rivas, sophomore Byron Chandler and junior Paul Palichuck. Byron took a first in 125 lbs., taking his record to 21-10.

Byron and Paul were unable to advance to state competition; however, Jeremy returned to state, after pinning his opponent in his second match at 3:20. At state, he lost in the first round. The junior varsity finished their season 12-1.

down

for the

count

Wrestlers dominate sectional mats

by kim crosslin and sheri conrick



Everyone occasionally worries about their weight and watches what they eat, but imagine being told if you did not maintain your weight you would be cut from an activity you love. That is the pressure the wrestlers put on themselves each and every year.

Once a wrestler commits to a weight for a meet he must meet the weight. A few days before a meet, Coach Bruce Sheriff would check to make sure no one had any weight problems. If someone couldn't make their weight class for a meet, he would be moved to another weight class, or he just wouldn't wrestle in the meet. "If a wrestler commits to a weight, and doesn't make it twice, he's off the team," Mr. Sheriff said. "We address it early and we get it under control," he added.

The sacrifices made by wrestlers brought the team closer together. "If one person is overweight we make sure they run, don't eat and don't drink water during practice," sophomore Jason Alaniz said.

The weight issue also caused many wrestlers to change some of their eating habits to maintain their weight. "I ate regular foods, and if I had to lose weight I'd run it off," Jason said. The most weight he had to lose at one time was one to two and a half pounds. To lose this weight he would have to run for 30-40 minutes after practice.

Senior Ken Marrs had a large amount of weight to lose. At the beginning of the season he weighed in at 171 pounds, and by the end of the season he weighed 152 pounds. "I would run every night with three pairs of sweats, a hat and gloves for about an hour," he said.

Jeremy Rivas, junior, simply said, "I didn't get to eat."

All of this dieting may sound dangerous, but before a wrestler can lose or gain weight he must have a doctor okay it on his physical form before the season begins.

Though wrestlers are on a team and their winnings are scored for points as a team effort, wrestling still remains a very individualized sport. Andy Baker, junior, said, "If you mess up there is no one to blame but yourself. Wrestling is physically demanding."

"Some kids are team oriented, and others are just for themselves," junior Paul Palichuck said.

"We really pushed each other in practice. Wrestling is physically demanding,"
-Andy Baker, 11



Trying to pin his opponent, senior captain Ken Marrs tips the Chesterston wrestler. At the Lake Central Harvest Classic, Ken and junior Andy Baker helped the team to a second place finish by both taking first places. The junior varsity team took first in the Coshen Invitational with 265.5 points. Ken was most improved wrestler at the Winter Sports Award Banquet.

peeking at
outside life

Community Pride

by Heather Lorange

Although it seems to many students that they spend their lives roaming the halls of school, there is an entire world outside of it. There are many local businesses that take pride in the school and support everything it does.

Many students held jobs at businesses throughout

Portage. Popular work places included fast food restaurants such as Wendy's and McDonalds, and grocery stores such as Town and Country and Eagle's.

Students became involved in the community in many ways. On March 3, eight students participated in Youth Government Day. They spent the day learning how

the government works and taking tours of the police and fire station. The evening ended with a City Council meeting which the students ran.

A sense of pride towards the school was noticeable throughout the community, but it could also be seen here in the halls where students took pride in their city.

Mr. Mike Lemond, COIL sponsor, was second runner-up in the half-time free throw contest at the Student/Faculty Basketball game which was sponsored by the COIL class. (Westmoreland Photo)

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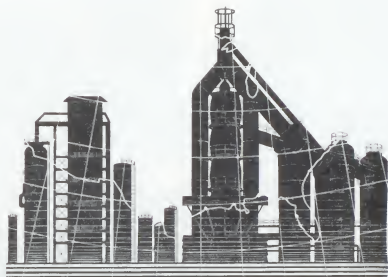
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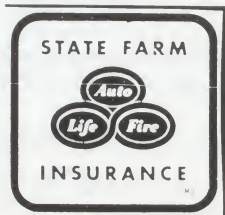
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The Annual Honors Breakfast

Approximately 200 students attended this year's annual Honors Breakfast. The school required a G.P.A. of 3.0 to attend. The breakfast was sponsored by the Portage High School National Honor Society. Junior Dan Vincent benefits from all of his hard work by receiving a free breakfast. (Westmoreland Photo) On February 13, 1992, junior Becky Kopeck helps herself to the free breakfast. (Westmoreland Photo)



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Many students did a lot to help the needy during the holiday season. Approximately 13,000 cans were collected by students to give to the many charities and needy in the area. These canned goods and boxed goods were donated by the community of Portage and South Haven. Junior John Arrendondo poses with a box of cereal that was donated. (Westmoreland Photo) Students can find many ways to become active in the community. Freshman Amy Silverthorn shows her pride by helping with the Thanksgiving food drive. (Westmoreland Photo)



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The Blood Drive

Over 144 pints of blood were donated from students and faculty. To donate blood one must be 110 lbs. and 17 years old. Mr. Dan Merrill waits while a volunteer checks his blood pressure. (Smith photo) Senior Esteban Velez holds a bandaid to his arm after donating blood.



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The Halloween Dance took place in the Commons at PH5 on Wednesday, October 23, from 8 - 10 p.m. The dance was \$3 but if a student dressed up in a costume it was \$2. Junior Joe White came in his costume. Joe was pretending to be a hobo. Seniors Debra Fessler, Jodi Wahlman, Jodi Ozbolt, Heather Smith, Tara Martin and Greta Rondinelli pose for a quick picture in their Belly-Dancer costumes. Dances provided many students an opportunity to gather with friends and entertain themselves after football and basketball games. Many clubs sponsored activities throughout the year to help with costs for special events. For example, the Junior Class sold candy during lunch hours to help raise money for the Senior Prom.

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Indian Sports

Senior Rich Miotke makes a funny face as he prepares to return the ball in a tennis match. Seniors Heather Smith and Tammy Modesto leap over the first hurdle and look forward to the several ahead. Sports provided many students with an opportunity to excel not only in the classroom but also on the athletic field.



Editor's Note: Due to a program failure during deadline, many names were erased from the index. The staff apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.



Inside the Intellect

● "My friends and I tried to show school spirit by going to rallies and wearing school t-shirts."

● "I'm really going to miss being with my friends, knowing that I'd be able to go to school and see them all."

● "PHS always stood out from other schools because of the supportive teachers. I could really tell they cared."



Michelle Mendez, 12



P eeking out

Many events and changes in attitudes helped shape the year, creating a year full of unique ideas and memories. From national issues to school issues, students constantly received a glimpse at their future. Surprises were always around the bend with the collapsing of the roof at West, the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings, the approval of the first PHS "dead day", the turmoil in the Soviet Union, and losing Fall Homecoming, the year was full of surprises. The word gang was also used for the first time in relation to PHS. However, utilizing Portage Pride, many students overcame and coped with these obstacles and unusual occurrences to succeed.



Senior Jawad Javed, junior John Arrendando, sophomore Shannon Combs and junior Dan Cue, sing "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye" at the Variety Show. Their repeat performance, on May 29 over the TV monitors, was dedicated to the departing seniors.

Pride is always apparent through sports. Senior Mark Croell despairingly watches from the bench as his team loses their Homecoming to Valparaiso, 24-21.



After giving all your time and effort to a sport it's sometimes hard to say goodbye. Senior Kassey Reynolds realizes this as she walks down the aisle made up of underclassmen at Senior night for basketball.

The Pride

Never Ends



For some students the ultimate pride comes from putting out all the effort one can and doing the best for one's school. When the seasons' over though, it's very hard to put all that powerful emotion behind you and move on. Seniors Niki Garavalia and Heather Smith are devastated after the disheartening loss of the Boy's Basketball team during the first game of Regionals and realizing this was the final game they could call themselves a high school cheerleader.

In the eyes of many students, no other place has had such an effect on their lives as PHS. Each student may find his niche in the literally hundreds of courses, dozens of sports and varieties of organizations offered. Perhaps the most important thing to consider when Peeking Inside Portage Pride is the vast amount of self confidence a person receives and returns to the school.

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The book was produced entirely on the Macintosh computers using the Yearthech program.

Halterman, 711 W. Joliet, Ottawa, IL, was the official school photographer. They produced portraits, some candids and group shots. Other photos were produced in the publications darkroom by members of the photography staff.

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